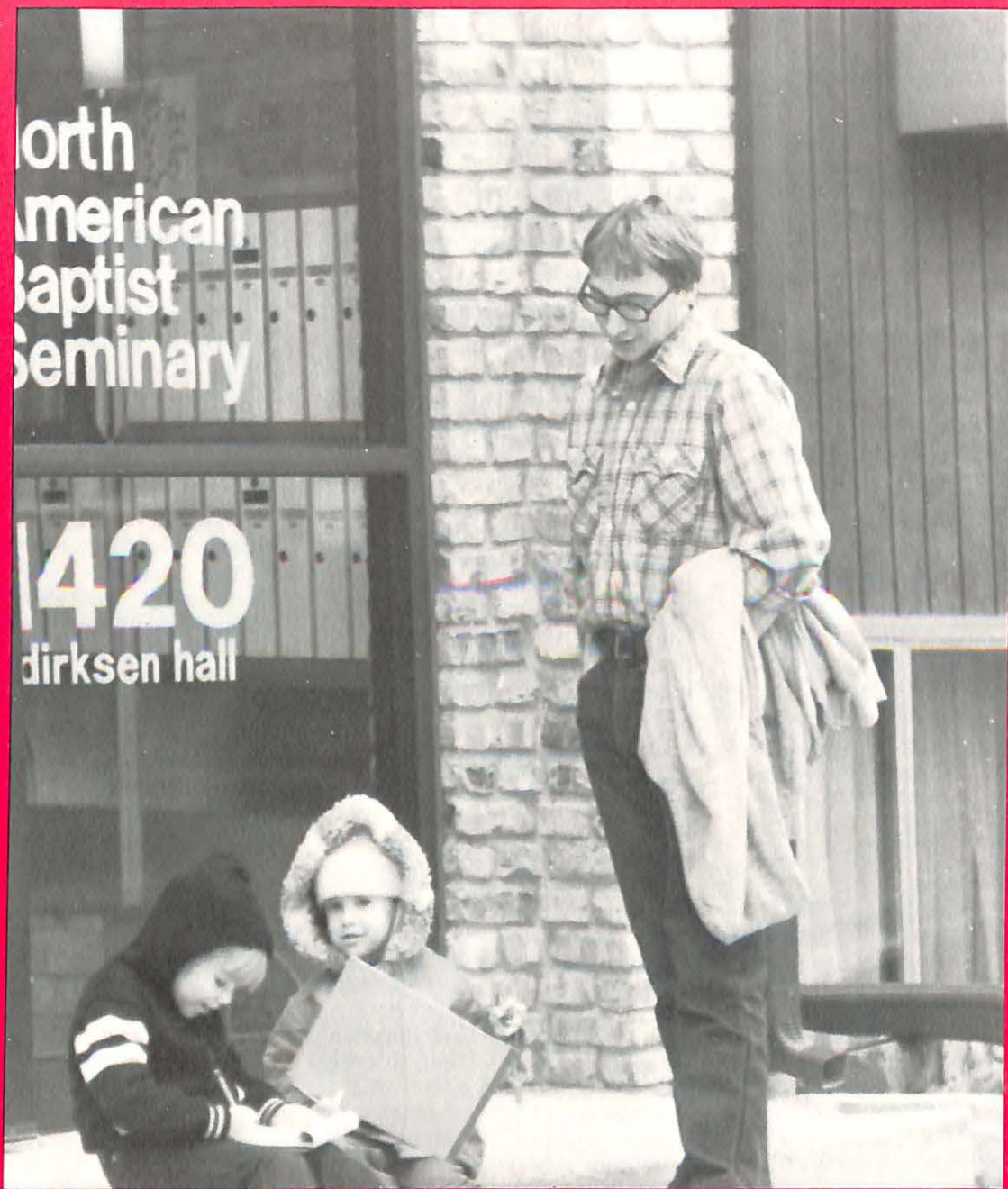


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# We Need Each Other!

by Gene A. Kern



In the early centuries of Christianity, a philosophy of Christian living developed known as *monasticism*. The word "monastic" comes from the Greek words, which mean "people who live alone." The pressures of the fleshly nature and of a sinful world drove sincere Christians to lives of solitude in order that they might become "holy."

One of the most dedicated monastics was the fifth century monk, Simeon Stylites. Simeon felt a call to isolation and spent the last 30 years of his life in meditation while living at the top of a pillar. With each passing year, Simeon would add to the height of that pillar until, at the end of his lifetime, his pillar was 72 feet tall.

Although this example of devotion is commendable, the fact is that Christianity was never meant to be lived in isolation from others. The church is the Body of Christ and Body "life" demands the relationship of Christian to Christian be cultivated. We need each other because God uses others to make us mature in love and faith. This is the teaching of Ephesians 4:14-16 where Paul writes;

*As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint*

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*supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*

How does God use others to bring us to maturity? First of all, this section of God's Word indicates that he takes people who are different and joins them in close association in his church, called the Body of Christ. It is a mark of maturity to recognize differences in others and yet accept and value them as equals in the Body of Christ. This is not only true in the local fellowship but also in the larger fellowship of Christians worldwide.

This past July, I had the opportunity of participating in the General Council Sessions of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in West Berlin. There fellow Baptist Christians from 92 different nations joined together under the banner of Christ's headship to love and encourage one another in the taking of the Gospel Message to the ends of the earth. We need one another, and repeatedly I heard from Third World Christian leaders the pleas, "We need your love, encouragement and support. Knowing that you care keeps us going in the face of enormous political and social opposition."

Christianity is never a self-elevation or a pillar religion; it is always self-giving. God makes a place for us in his family locally and universally. He allows us the opportunity to learn the value of others despite differences in economic, educational, racial, cultural or national backgrounds. Unfortunately, the tragedy of the church is seen in its failure to love and value people because they are different. We must be reminded repeatedly that through faith in

Christ, we are one in him; consequently he not only becomes the great reconciler of our sins but also of our differences.

Secondly, these verses from Paul's pen state that the whole Body is being fitted and held together by Christ. The word fitted means "to harmonize." From this idea, we understand that God is harmonizing a huge collection of notes, each different, yet each purposeful, when blended into a harmonious obligato. Sour notes are changed into soft tones when blended together in Christ. The idea of harmonizing is also implied in the words, "held together." In this case, God is knitting together his church, made up of different colored yarn, into a beautiful, harmonious pattern.

We grow by contact, not by isolation; by uniting, not by separating. God gave us a need for each other that we might grow into the stature of love and truth that is Christ's alone. He places us into a Body made up of people different from us in order to challenge our monastic ideas and stretch our love to a point of acceptance and then finally to a ministry for the sake of others.

Simeon Stylites may have died 72 feet closer to heaven, but he died 72 feet further away from the heart of God. □

## Editor's Note:

Thanks to Rev. Kern for his insights which he has shared with the readers of the *Baptist Herald* over this past year. For the next several months, various department directors will be writing for this page.



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# The Truth, The Whole Truth, And Nothing but the Truth

by Mel Unger

As the North American Baptist College, we are very concerned about truth. You've probably seen our motto on the College stationery: "For God and Truth." Why truth? Why not "For God and the Church," or "For God and Missions," or "For God and Ministry"? Why is truth so important? Let me suggest some reasons.

## Truth Corresponds to Reality

Truth is important because it corresponds to reality (what is there as opposed to what is not there). Let me illustrate it this way. Imagine yourself on one side of a room crowded with furniture. The lights go off. You remember a flashlight in a drawer on the other side of the room. As you begin to thread your way through that crowded room, you visualize a picture of the room, trying to remember where each piece of furniture is so that you won't stumble. Once you have the flashlight safely in hand, you turn it on, and get your bearings. You check whether your position in relation to the furniture is in fact as you thought. Then you begin to move about confidently.

Truth is like that light. It reveals what's really there. It keeps us from crashing into the realities of life. By reality I don't mean only tangible reality but also intangible reality: laws of human nature and of creation which govern the way they function. Truth is the framework within which we must live in order not to stumble. God has given us many guidelines for living. These are not simply commandments that tell us about God,

what offends him, and what pleases him. They are also operating instructions that tell us about ourselves, given from the God who created us. They are not just commandments, but truth.

## Truth Comes from God

Truth is important because all of it comes from God. Since truth corresponds with reality, and God is creator of all, all of it belongs to God. "All truth is God's truth," said Gaebelein. Where you find truth, God's hand is not far behind. Truth is God's fingerprint or footprint. So it is not a question of sacred truth versus secular truth, but of truth versus untruth, light versus darkness. James 1:17 tells us that every perfect gift is from above. Of course, creation is now spoiled and twisted, but it still comes from God and belongs to God; therefore, all of life must be reclaimed for God from its fallen state and brokenness.

## Truth Is Absolute

Truth is important because it is absolute. Truth doesn't change. One doesn't vote about truth. In our western society where almost everything is decided by popular opinion, we easily forget that some things are timeless. Truth doesn't receive its value from its popularity rating. It doesn't become untrue when it goes out of fashion.

I challenge you to make the pursuit of truth one of your highest goals. It will keep you from stumbling. It will lead you to the Creator, and it will give you an anchor that will not change with the times.

What does this mean for you? What are some things that need to take second place to truth?

## Choose Truth over Fantasy

Our age is saturated with glossy images of the world, presented to us on TV, in glossy magazines, and

books. This image is one which *sells*. After all, the entertainment media are not in the truth business but in the profit business. In this fantasy world, the hero is always attractive and healthy, and often wealthy. He usually doesn't get sick; he doesn't do boring chores; nor does he generally work hard.

This is not the real world. This image doesn't come to grips with real world issues like: the drudgery and sacrifice needed to produce almost anything of worth, the overwhelming poverty in much of the world, or the inevitability of death. And most important, this image never mentions God.

You may be grappling with career decisions. Beware of modeling your life on a fantasy in which you never plan on getting old, never plan on giving account to God, never plan on having to work hard or make sacrifices. It's simply *not true*.

What is true? The world says, "to be happy—go for it—reach out and grasp what you desire." The Bible says, "Give up your life and you will find it." "It's more blessed to give than to receive." Do you believe that? Whom are you going to believe? You see, it's essentially a matter of faith. In the armour of the Christian, the shield is *faith*. Satan is essentially a deceiver, so when he whispers, "Did God say?" remember that it's basically a question of what's true, what's real, and whom you're going to believe. Your faith in God's representation of reality will douse the fire of those burning arrows.

The issue of truth versus fantasy will also affect the way you prepare for Christian service. As you prepare, concentrate on content first, style second. Bill Gothard has said, "Give your life depth, and God will give it breadth." Our media-saturated world does things differently. In the world, how a thing appears is more important than how it really is. This preoc-

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cupation with image is especially characteristic of all promotional efforts. To "look like a winner," to "generate momentum," these are the means by which success is artificially created. The adage, "Nothing succeeds like success," puts it in a nutshell.

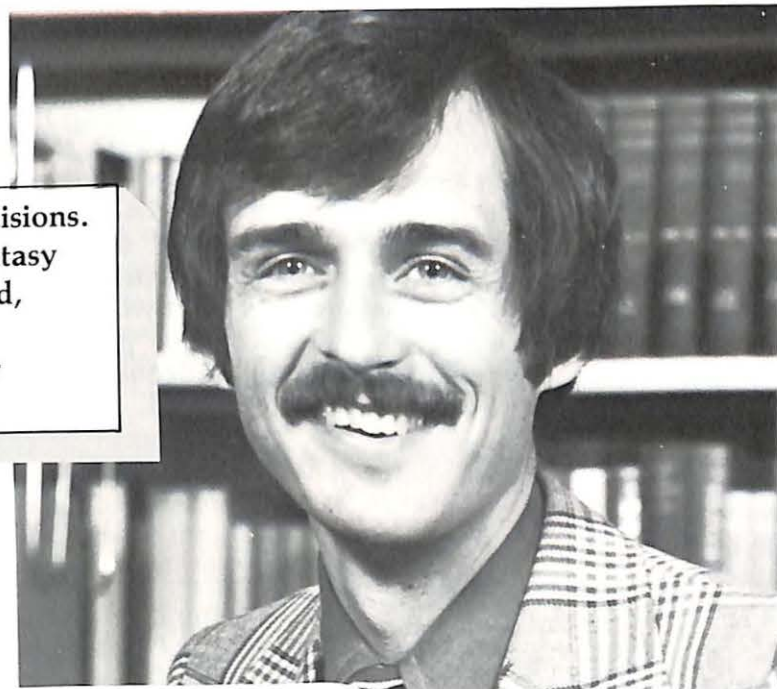
## Choose Truth over Functionality

We live in a future that is basically utilitarian in its outlook. By that I mean that whenever we evaluate the worth of something, we ask questions like, "What can it do? Of what use is it?" I think this is a result of our emphasis on technology. We're always asking, "Is it practical? Can I apply it? How will it serve me? How will it influence or affect others?" We tend to see value only in terms of a thing's usefulness.

How might this attitude be a trap for us? Students may find that they are required to study things which seem useless. They may be tempted to ask themselves, "Why should I study this? I see no use for it," or "I know I'll pass the course; why should I study for good grades? Good grades won't make me a better Christian, nor bring others to Christ."

The trap is to evaluate everything in terms of its usefulness only. If all truth comes from God, we don't need to prove that it is useful. Truth is important because it comes from God. When we ask, "Is it useful?" we are really asking, "How is it important to me?" That's a valid question. But too often we forget to ask, "How is it important to God? Does it glorify God?" If it does, it's important.

This principle is not, of course, only relevant to students. All of us need



to be aware of the insidious influence of pragmatic thinking which is more concerned with what works than with what is right.

## Choose the Truth over Fashion

We live in a fashion-conscious world. We all want to keep up with the latest styles, whether in clothes, cars, or music. Often fashion is neither good nor bad, but one thing about fashion is invariably true: fashion is always *temporary*. That's why we can speak of fashion *trends*. You see, fashions get their value from mass approval. When the majority of people no longer approve of a certain fashion, we say it has gone out of style.

Truth, on the other hand, is permanent. It doesn't change. It doesn't get its value from being popular. It doesn't need a fifty percent majority. Truth is valuable because it is true.

My caution is: do not be a slave to fashion. Do not be easily swayed by things which enjoy great popularity, but have no lasting value. Do not cling to things which will pass away. Instead, pursue things which last, things which have inherent values. That's why truth is so important. It doesn't lose its value.

In so many ways, our world is an enemy of truth. The world comes to us and says, "So you want to be happy and fulfilled? Here's what you do:

please yourself, avoid pain. If it feels good, do it." But the Bible calls this motivation the lust of the flesh.

The world comes to us with another option, "Get a high-paying job so you can buy things: a beautiful home, a sports car, a cottage at the lake." But the Bible calls this option the lust of the eyes.

Sometimes the world says to us "Here's a good choice: amount to something, climb up the ladder. You can do it. If you get to the top, you'll really be living." But the Bible calls this ambition the boastful pride of life.

What does the Bible say of these things? "They are not from the Father, but from the world. And the world is passing away . . ." (1 John 2:16,17). Ah, there's the problem! They do not last beyond this life. Quite apart from the question of the satisfactions they claim to offer for this life (and the Book of Ecclesiastes shows us that even these claims are empty), the pursuit of pleasure, things, or fame have no value for eternity.

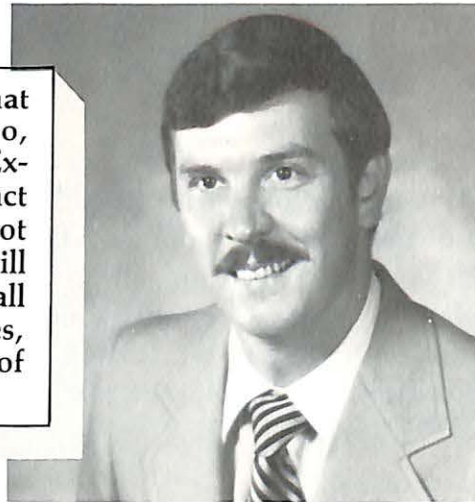
No one could put it better than Jim Elliot who wrote, "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose." Let me paraphrase that. If you trade what you're going to leave behind someday anyway for that which you will keep forever, you've made a very smart bargain. And that's the truth. □

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(This is an adaptation of his Convocation Address delivered at North American Baptist College and Divinity School, Edmonton, Alberta, on September 6, 1984.)



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## Roadblocks to Spirituality

by Daniel N. Leininger

Christian discipleship has never been easy. Remembering that fact makes our journey less difficult. Forgetting it guarantees our failure. For example, Peter forgot it when he said, "Even though they all fall away, I will not" (Mark 14:29). Days later Jesus asked him, "Simon, do you love me?" Then, in sorrow he remembered, it is costly to follow the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Or think of the Apostle Paul. When he wrote his letters from a jail cell, he had already tasted the bitter difficulty of following his Lord. Fifteen centuries later inside the walls of Bedford jail, John Bunyan wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*. His story of a traveler called "Christian" reminds us that progress along the way of faith extracts a high cost from both God and pilgrims.

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round us. No bars block our view. And so we have forgotten the price. In the luxury of religious liberty, it is easy to grow flabby. Looking down the path of discipleship, we can see many personal roadblocks which detour our path. What are they? And what can we do about them? Let me share two that I've encountered in my life with the hope that they might help you identify some in your own.

### Absentee Attitudes

My first roadblock consists of "absentee attitudes" about God. I discovered it by asking myself some very tough questions. During my waking hours, how often do I think about God? Could it be that I don't think of God more often because I don't believe that he is fully present? While most Christians would react strongly to "God is dead" statements, I wonder just how alive is he in our moment-by-moment awareness? Do we believe what the Apostle Paul told the men of Athens: "In him we live and move and have our very being"?

All of us have explored those dark,

dusty corners of our souls, where it sometimes feels as though God is out of town. Perhaps he is on an extended vacation. It may seem as if we don't know where he is or when to expect him back. Sometimes in moments of grief, or loss, or failure, we hope for a postcard but would be angry if we received it. Or even worse, we fear that God has moved out of town and left no forwarding address. We experience voids in life where God seems absent.

Our prayers, like the cries of the Psalmist, often reflect such emptiness. We hear ourselves saying, "Lord, be with us"; yet he has said, "I am with you always." Or we say, "Come to us in worship," when he has already promised that "wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in their midst."

In our despair, we long for God to be real in our lives; yet "all things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). He is the creator and source of all. In his redeeming love, he has given us his Spirit to "bear witness with our human spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16). The truth is that God is already real. It is we who need to become real in order to know and to serve him.

In Margery Williams' children's story, "The Velveteen Rabbit," the children's stuffed animals are talking to each other in the nursery. The young velveteen rabbit asks the wise old Skin Horse, "What is *real*? Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out handle?"

"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing

that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but really loves you, then you become Real."

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes," said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real, you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out, and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real, you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

The truth is that God is real, and in Christ, he has invested himself fully into humanity that we might become real, also. Real to ourselves, real to each other, and real to his kingdom's work. That's good news, *really* good news! The first hurdle that I have to cross daily in the race of discipleship is my own partial awareness of the presence of the real God who is making all of his children real in every moment of life.

### Mechanical Notions

Secondly, "mechanical notions" about God have hindered my spiritual growth. As a child, I often visualized creation as a machine with God as the operator. Such images detour me into believing that "God causes all things," and even worse its corollary, "all that happens comes from God." Such thinking distorts Biblical faith and leads to a poor theology of God. The God of the scriptures is a God of compassion and involvement, not of indifference and detachment. He created human beings in his likeness and image. God has created us so free that we can sin and actually confound his created order.

Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Clearly,

heaven describes where God's will is fully done, not earth. Can we then simply label everything that happens as the will of God? If so, then earth would be heaven. Experience tells us it is not. The fact that an event happens does not automatically make it the perfect will of God. While God does work in all events for his redemptive purposes, some events are the hideous fruit of human freedom gone wild. Clearly then, sin has broken the order of God's creation. It detours his will, but it can never ultimately defeat it.

William Sloan Coffin tells how after the death of his son, Alex, that a well-meaning friend made the comment, "I just don't understand the will of God."

Coffin commented, "Do you think it was the will of God that Alex never fixed that lousy windshield wiper of his, that he was probably driving too fast in such a storm? Do you think it is God's will that there are no streetlights along that stretch of road, and no guard rail separating the road and Boston Harbor? . . . My consolation lies in knowing that it was *not* the will of God that Alex die, that when the waves closed over the sinking car, God's heart was the first of all our hearts to break."

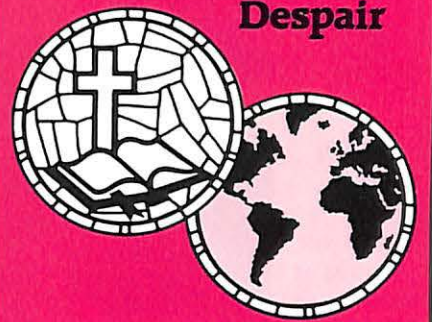
Sometimes our "mechanical notions" about a God who has his hands on steering wheels, or his fingers on triggers, or his fist around knives make believing in his love more difficult than it already is.

Spirituality blossoms in a growing awareness of the God of love. Our attitudes and actions are decisions that we make about God. Is God present? Does God care? The choices we make become our daily answer.

When you awake tomorrow morning, several roadblocks will detour your way toward a deeper spiritual awareness. Perhaps one will look like an "attitude of absence." Another may resemble a "mechanical notion." There may be a few others of your own. Each will be supported by some fuzzy decision about God. Will you allow these to be barriers to living in the power of the Spirit? Or will you just make them hurdles over which you glide as you choose to run the race and to breathe in deeply the spirit of the Risen Christ in whom we all live and move and have our being?

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Anyone interested may attend the N.A.B. College/Divinity School Breakfast on Thursday morning and/or the N.A.B. Seminary Breakfast on Friday morning. Tickets must be purchased at least 48 hours in advance.

Summer music teams from both schools will be featured during the Conference program.

Professors from both schools will lead some of the workshops on Saturday.

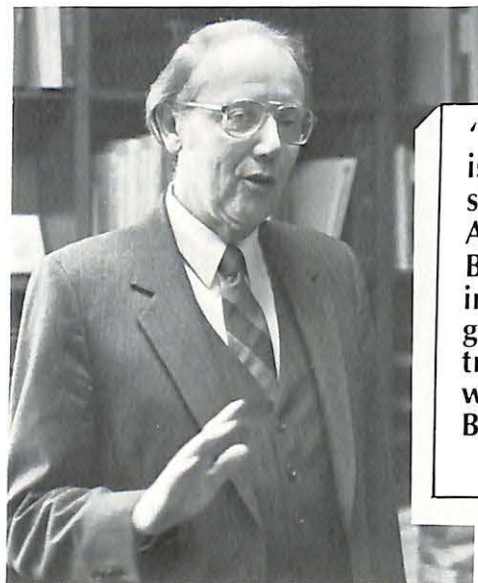
Representatives of the schools will be glad to talk with interested, prospective students and friends during the Conference week.

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*Ernie Radke, Calgary, Alberta; Chairman, Program Committee; vice moderator, North American Baptist Conference*

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**"The formalizing of a cooperative curriculum is a major step. We're not going to recruit students interested in going to N.A.B. College. At the same time, we might be able to make the Bible college an even more valid option by having a cooperative program where students can go to N.A.B. College for their Bible training, transfer to Tabor for two years, and graduate with both a Bible college degree as well as a B.A. degree in liberal arts education."**

**—Janzen**

## Christian Higher Education Offers Opportunities for Cooperation

*In June 1984, the General Council of the North American Baptist Conference approved in principle a three-year trial arrangement of cooperative relationships between the North American Baptist Seminary and North American Baptist College/Divinity School and three evangelical Christian liberal arts colleges: Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Judson College, Elgin, Illinois; and Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas.*

*Charles M. Hiatt, president, North American Baptist Seminary, spoke at the 1984 Tabor College Opening Festival. Vernon E. Janzen, Tabor College President, and President Hiatt were interviewed regarding the new cooperative relationship.*

**What are your feelings about the new cooperative relationship between the North American Baptist Conference Schools and Tabor College?**

**Charles M. Hiatt:** From our perspective at North American Baptist Seminary, we see ourselves in a network system where there are great benefits to be gained for Tabor and the Seminary. We like the flow that we can perceive coming for high school students in our churches, spending a year or two at North American Baptist College in Edmon-

ton, Alberta, spending two years at Tabor completing a degree, and for those interested in seminary, coming to Sioux Falls.

**Vernon E. Janzen:** I feel very good about it. When we started working on this several years ago, it immediately evoked a positive chord in my thinking because I knew there had been cooperative relationships in the past between North American Baptists and Mennonite Brethren. I see many advantages for both North American Baptist Conference schools as well as Tabor.

**President Hiatt, how did you first learn about Tabor?**

**Hiatt:** I heard about Tabor from various students at the Seminary. When I was pastoring in Emery, South Dakota, my youth and music director was a Tabor graduate attending the Seminary in Sioux Falls. A couple of years ago, Vernon and I met and started talking about some of these possibilities.

**President Janzen, how did you become familiar with the N.A.B. Conference?**

**Janzen:** The first introduction I can remember was a number of years ago when I was serving on the U.S. Mennonite Brethren Board of Higher

Education. At one of our sessions, Dr. Gerald Borchert, then vice president of N.A.B. Seminary, was introduced as an appointed member of the Tabor Board of Directors. But it has really been since we started this cooperative relationship that I've been digging into the past. I found out that my wife's grandfather, the Rev. J. D. Reimer, a Mennonite Brethren evangelist, went to the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York, for his theological training. So did my grandfather, the Rev. Peter P. Regier, an M.B. lay pastor.

In recent years, I found there are many connections between North American Baptists and Mennonite Brethren that go back to Russia, Europe, and the Anabaptist movement. It's interesting to me that almost from the beginning of the spiritual renewal movement that gave birth in the 1860s to the Mennonite Brethren Church, that there were contacts with German Baptists in Europe. In fact, Johann Gerhard Oncken, who started the first Baptist church in Germany in 1834, visited congregations in Russia on their invitation in 1860. German Baptist influence probably was a major reason that the Mennonite Brethren adopted immersion as our mode of baptism.

It's also interesting to discover cooperation involving church music. I know that for many years the hymnbook of the Mennonite Brethren in the German language was the *Evangeliums Lieder*. This German Baptist hymnbook was edited by Walter Rauschenbusch, a theologian and leader in the early days of the N.A.B. Conference.

These are just samples of the kinds of things that have happened historically. I see the current cooperative relationship as following in that stream.

**Hiatt:** In view of that historical information, it's interesting to me to see the cooperation happening today in local situations with N.A.B. and M.B.

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churches. It's wonderful to know that kind of cooperative spirit continues to exist. Formalizing our relationships as schools is only natural since it is already happening at the grassroots level with our pastors and church people.

**What does this new cooperative relationship mean to the North American Baptist Conference and the Mennonite Brethren Church?**

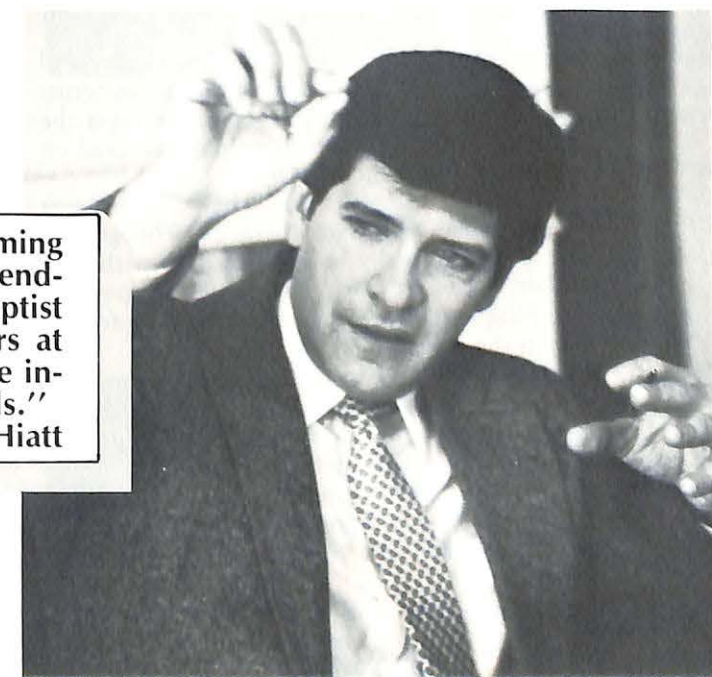
**Hiatt:** I see it in two perspectives. First, from the perspective of the entire N.A.B. Conference, which is 370 churches, 60,000 members across the U.S.A. and Canada. Tabor has the opportunity to go to those churches, relate to prospective students, and try to stimulate their involvement in Tabor, a good Christian liberal arts college.

The second benefit is the relationship between N.A.B. Seminary and Tabor. As the faculty and staff at Tabor become aware of N.A.B. Seminary and what we have to offer, a natural feeder relationship will develop. This can be beneficial to us in the entire recruitment process as well.

**President Janzen, what are the major advantages for Tabor?**

**Janzen:** First of all, we have had a good experience with N.A.B. students at Tabor. A number of students have attended N.A.B. College and transferred to Tabor. A number of students have also come to Tabor to finish their liberal arts education and then have gone to N.A.B. Seminary. Others, of course, have found Tabor to be their college in preparation for vocational life not requiring seminary training.

We are interested in being as productive as we possibly can in carrying out our mission, which is offering a biblically sound, Christian liberal arts education for students, so they can reach





their highest potential as servants of Christ and his Church.

We feel we have a strong college program with a strong Christian emphasis, but we need more students in order to make our programs more viable. So it's a matter of helping those students who can profit most from the kinds of programs we offer. We're finding that N.A.B. students fit well at Tabor.

**Hiatt:** Another major advantage is the idea of a faculty exchange between the two schools. We think that kind of cross fertilization can be very valuable to our students as they are exposed to new ideas, new voices and new Christian experiences. Obviously, having our faculty interact with students at Tabor can further help communicate the story of N.A.B. Seminary to the Tabor campus. Many of these students may like to study more under that instructor at N.A.B. Seminary.

#### How can the N.A.B. and M.B. denominations benefit from this new arrangement?

**Janzen:** Again I think this would relate to our history. The cross fertilization President Hiatt already has mentioned has been a positive influence for both denominations. I, for one, would like to see those kinds of benefits grow. We have already seen some benefits last year when we had two local N.A.B. pastors come to our campus as adjunct faculty members to teach. Their service as instructors was valuable and effective for our students.

I might say I don't see any movement toward merging denominations. Our denominations are like two families of churches called by God to carry out his mission. However, Christian higher education offers common ground on which we can cooperate and work more efficiently together.

**Hiatt:** We need to approach the rest of this century and the 21st century not so much thinking in terms that bigger is necessarily better, but what is the appropriate scale in which to be involved in Christian higher education.

We are a relatively small school. Tabor is a relatively small Christian liberal arts college. We have a lot to gain in cooperating with one another. All we are doing is formalizing something that's been happening on an informal basis in the past.

Tabor graduates at the Seminary have been well prepared to handle seminary work. Many of them have developed good musical abilities to enrich their ministry.

#### Were concerns expressed from people in your denomination about the new relationship?

**Janzen:** I really expected some negative reaction, but I have received a 100 percent positive response. There have been so many positive experiences

between M.B. pastors and N.A.B. pastors that I think the foundation was already in place for affirmation. We expect that N.A.B. young people who come to Tabor will be encouraged to go to N.A.B. Seminary, just as M.B. students continue to go to the M.B. Seminary.

**Hiatt:** My initial thought was if we start developing a closer relationship with another Christian college, what will be the impression of our Bible College in Canada? I was very pleased that the administration at N.A.B. College was very interested and excited about what this could do for them in the transfer of credits.

The most powerful demonstration of how this is being received in our Conference occurred when President Janzen attended our N.A.B. Ministers' Fellowship in Sioux Falls last summer. As he described the cooperative relationship, I heard several audible "Amen's" from that gathering of pastors. We're on the right track! Our pastors understand the value of cooperation in these days.

#### What steps are being taken to implement this new cooperative relationship?

**Hiatt:** We have begun to determine what our next steps will be. As we plan next year's academic activity, we want to keep in mind the faculty exchange possibilities.

**Janzen:** The formalizing of a cooperative curriculum is a major step. We're not going to recruit students interested in going to N.A.B. College. At the same time, we might be able to make the Bible college an even more valid option by having a cooperative program where students can go to N.A.B. College for their Bible training, transfer to Tabor for two years, and graduate with both a Bible college degree as well as a B.A. degree in liberal arts education. The same thing can be true of N.A.B. students attending Tabor and then moving on to the N.A.B. Seminary. We are talking about a 3/3 program where students attend Tabor for three years, transfer to N.A.B. Seminary for three years, and graduate with both a B.A. degree from Tabor and a seminary graduate degree.

#### Any other comments?

**Janzen:** I think that in the implementation process there needs to be a continuing information flow so people are aware of what is offered. We will do what we can to make prospective students and their parents aware of what the offerings are.

**Hiatt:** This in no way is an attempt by Tabor, N.A.B. Seminary, or N.A.B. College to say to a prospective student that you ought to do this, or this is where you have to go. It simply makes available some other options which people may not have been aware of before. □

## Seminary Graduates Focus on Ministry

Twenty-eight North American Baptist Seminary seniors who graduate this year give their statements on ministry.

As I travel throughout our Northern American Baptist Conference, I discover a diverse collection of churches and people. There is variety from young children to senior adults worshipping in small remote rural churches or large churches on busy boulevards of many cities. I believe the diversity of these people is a portrait of

God's kingdom. God has called and equipped many different types of persons for a united ministry in his world.

At North American Baptist Seminary, we see a similar diversity in our students. Students coming from a variety of life and spiritual backgrounds all sense the common cause of ministry for Christ. Each student, like each church member, will focus on a ministry as gifted and directed by God. It is a joy to know each one personally and already sense their unique contribution to the kingdom of God.

I have asked each of the graduates of 1985 to briefly describe how they believe God will focus their ministry after graduation.

— Charles Hiatt

The Rev. Charles Hiatt is President of North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Having chosen counseling as my field of ministry, I have greatly enjoyed being able to learn some of the basics of humanity which is contained in man's relationship to deity. My focus will be in helping people to be aware of this relationship, and how it affects every aspect of their lives.

—Dean Arnott

Dean Arnott, Valley Springs, SD, is a senior in the Master of Counseling degree program. He is married to Lora.



The focus of our ministry will be to provide the best example of Christ's love to the people in the place where God sends us to serve. It is our hope that the people to whom we minister will be encouraged to reach out in love, not only to each other, but also to a world that is searching for Christ.

—Harley Betzolt

Harley Betzolt, Chicago, IL, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He is married to Diane.



The focus of my ministry is to serve God. I feel that I can best serve God and use the gifts he has given me as a pastor in the area of Christian education and in all aspects of Christian education. A verse that sums up my call and commitment to Christian education is found in Ephesians 4:12-13, "to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become

mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

—Craig Bollinger

Craig Bollinger, Mitchell, SD, is a senior in the Master of Christian Education degree program. He and his wife Marilyn have one child.



The most prevalent family system dysfunction today is the chemically dependent family system. Treatment and recovery involves all members of the system: dependent and co-dependent. Unless some type of intervention brings the family into recovery, the pathology repeats from generation to generation. Recovery is essentially spiritual. The focus of the ministry I am involved in is therapy for the chemically dependent person as well as the co-dependents—other members of the system.

—Marta Brosz

Marta Brosz, Pierre, SD, is a senior in the Master of Counseling degree program. She and her husband Brian have three children.



The focus of my ministry will be to help others in seeing the great potential that is ours in fulfilling Christ's command to make disciples. This comes about only as each of us maintains a daily dynamic relationship with Christ, and we all work together in doing Christian ministry. My prayer is that God will give the openness to his leading and the discipline of life needed to serve him in this way.

—Kenneth Carr

Kenneth Carr, Brandon, SD, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.





The focus of my ministry will be relating the truth of the Gospel story to the contemporary stresses of our society. My medium will be counseling with families, adolescents, and children experiencing the paralyzing dilemma of being unable to function in a system where there is tremendous stress and/or change. It is my belief that the Christian message can meet people where they are and grant them the opportunity to change their present condition.

—Jamie Christopher Chambers  
Jamie Chambers, Denver, CO, is a senior in the Master of Counseling degree program. He is married to Lorri.



The focus of my ministry is to nurture persons in the Christian faith so they will come to know God's love for them and God's gift of salvation through Christ; they will respond to this love by committing their lives to God; and they will continue to grow in the Christian walk throughout their lives. I seek to bring about this nurturing through educational ministries which emphasize experiencing the meaning of God's Word, the fellowship of the Christian community, and living the Christian life.

—Nora Christensen  
Nora Christensen, Sioux Falls, SD, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. She and her husband Harold have two children.



The focus of my ministry will be bringing the freeing message of Jesus Christ to families. Young people are looking for role models, parents looking for guidance, and the family seeking a meaningful relationship within the body called the church. Whether from behind the pulpit, in the home, or next to each other in the pew, we as a living body have a unique opportunity to nurture generations. II Timothy 4:2 says: "Preach the word, be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction." God has challenged me to make this ministry a reality.

—Daryl Dachtler  
Daryl Dachtler, Hillsboro, KS, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He and his wife Cecelia have two children.



My ultimate hope and prayer is that I will be a person who introduces many to a new and full life in Jesus Christ. Some people are hurting; some are lonely; some are lost and confused; others have nothing for which to live. I believe that God has called me to a ministry of sharing so that as I come in contact with people and develop relationships with them, I would bring them a Comforter, a Friend, and a Guide. The focus of my ministry will be to go into the world with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: boldly, yet with a tender heart; confidently, yet without arrogance; compassionately, yet not in weakness.

—Gordon Freiter  
Gordon Freiter, Calgary, AB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He is married to Elizabeth.



Since I am preparing to go into the parish ministry, my focus will be in the area of a church. I hope to serve a church or churches in South Dakota. My appointment will be through the Cabinet of South Dakota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Churches. My two years as a student in this Seminary have helped me grow spiritually. Whatever I have learned, understood and experienced about being a minister will be practiced. I hope to be involved in social issues in my community to bring justice and peace to all.

—Sukumari Samuel Hakeem  
Sukumari Hakeem, Rapid City, SD, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. She and her husband Bert have two children.



In our complex world, evil influences and earthly pressures seem to be increasing. Faced with such difficulties, it is imperative that Christians and churches pursue consistent growth. I believe God desires individuals to grow spiritually, and I believe it is God's will for churches to grow. We should seek to grow numerically, not for numbers sake, but as a by-product of our obedience to the Great Commission. We should also grow in our concern for people around us and in our ability to minister to their needs. With God's help, a major focus of my ministry will be to lovingly encourage and stimulate growth that ministers to people who are searching for answers and growth that extends the Kingdom of God.

—Bryan Hochhalter  
Bryan Hochhalter, Bismarck, ND, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He is married to Holly.



The focus of my ministry will be the vision of the prophet according to Ezekiel 37:3, 7 and 10. Honesty requires me to confess an inner fear, and I will say, "Lord, the world—so big; the land—so dry, and the bones . . . unmoveable, unshakeable, undone . . ." Then he puts his arm around me and leads me into his house . . . showing me men whose hearts are encased with the bitter shell of a hard life . . . then into a Christian Crisis Center where one phone call stands in the way of tragedy and finally, into India where a single cross draws thousands of curious people . . . And as the Spirit rattles the chains, binds that torn life, and moves . . . breath! That's it! Life is the Spirit! Life is the risen Lord!

—Harald Huege  
Harald Huege, Winnipeg, MB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.



I have three chief aims for my ministry. The first is to "get close to God" through daily Bible study, prayer, and continuing education. Second, I desire to "get close to my people." This I will achieve through fellowship, servanthood, counseling, and visitation. Third, I hope to "get my people close to God." This important ministry will be accomplished mainly through the use of my God-given talents for preaching and teaching. My overriding concern as I work at these goals is that I and my fellow Christians may walk deeper with the

Lord, and that we may lead others to him as well.

—David A. Jahn  
David Jahn, Arnprior, ON, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He is married to Leila.



Being sensitive and available to people around me in my church and community is the focus of my ministry. It is my prayer that through listening and counsel I will prepare the way for Christ to bring his healing and peace to my neighbor in need. "The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life" (Proverbs 15:4a).

—Jacqueline M. Kramer  
Jacqueline Kramer, Olivet, SD, is a senior in the Master of Counseling degree program. She and her husband Mervin have three children.



The love of God is expressed in many ways. Some of those ways are obvious to us; others are not. One way God shows his love to us is through the ministry of the pastor. Not only does effective ministry of the servant leader (I Kings 12:17) in the pastorate provide structure and support for those who seek out the presence of the pastor but also just as important, the pastor affirms those within this specific context. An affirmation of who we are and where we are going as well as where we are to be going provides this validation and reassurance of faith, hope, and love. And such affirmation allows the permission and approval of ministry in Christ to take place.

—Robert Kraus  
Robert Kraus, Glen Ellyn, IL, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.



My hope is to be an effective communicator of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it applies to daily living. Ministry must be Bible based, Spirit-filled and relevant to the needs of people. The Apostle Paul said, "For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power" (I Corinthians 4:20). That sense of power needs to be restored for all of us.

—Gene E. Kroger  
Gene Kroger, Canton, SD, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He and his wife Barbara have three children.



" . . . to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up . . ." (Ephesians 4:12). This verse sums up the focus of my ministry. I feel that God has called me to a ministry of "equipping." God has given me gifts of leadership administration, and teaching which I am called to exercise in a local church. Building up the body and preparing God's people for service inside and outside of the church will be the primary focus of the ministry God has called me to do.

—Wendy LaStrange  
Wendy LaStrange, Vancouver, BC, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.



As one follows the life of our Lord in the Gospels, it is very apparent what focal point he has in mind for us. As with Christ, my focal point will be upon people and their needs. No matter where one's strengths lie, if they are not focused upon people and their needs, are they strengths at all? I pray that God will supply the wisdom and the power that it takes to fulfill this type of ministry. And I pray that I, his servant, will wisely use it. I claim the love chapter of I Corinthians 13 as my goal for Christ.

—Dale Lint  
Dale Lint, Abilene, KS, is a senior in the Master of Counseling degree program. He and his wife Roberta have two children.



"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible; whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:15-17). These verses are the bottom line for my ministry with people. I can read books; I can learn skills; I can perform well; but without Jesus, my relationships with family, friends, or anyone are worth nothing. I want to relate to people who are hurting—physically, mentally, and spiritually, the love of Jesus Christ. In him all things hold together.

—Bonnie Luke  
Bonnie Luke, Sioux Falls, SD, is a senior in the Master of Counseling degree program. She and her husband Gene have three children.



The Bible makes many references to the duties of a shepherd. Shepherds are to feed, protect, and build up the flock. As a shepherd, caring for the flock in this way will be my goal. In my preparation for this ministry, the Lord opened a wide spectrum of opportunities that ranged from formal education to youth work as a staff member, to pastoring a small urban church. I believe the Lord is calling me to use my experiences. With this background and my desire to shepherd a flock, the focus of my ministry will be that of pastoring a church.

—Richard A. May  
Richard May, Dallas, OR, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He is married to Melissa.



"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). It is with this understanding that I believe that it is God's will that his Church grow. He has called each of us to be part of the work force to reap the harvest so this might happen. Church growth is therefore the focal point of my ministry.

—Hal Neff  
Hal Neff, Calgary, AB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity program. He is married to Janet.

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The focus of my ministry will be striving for excellence in Christian education. Within the broad framework of Christian education my main focus will be in the area of youth ministry. Encouraging youth to become excited about their faith is not an easy task. I believe that the way to accomplish this is by pouring myself into their lives. I am convinced that the youth of today want someone who will invest time in them to become their friend, to challenge them to grow and give them opportunities for service.

—Tim Powell  
Timothy Powell, Roseville, MI, is a senior in the Master of Christian Education degree program. He is married to Traci.



The focus of my ministry will be mission-related. Whether it be in the local church, or on the mission field, God has called me to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people. In the past few years, I have gained a new appreciation for the idea that God has brought the mission field to us because we have been reluctant to go to it. The field is as ripe as ever, and the harvest still needs to be brought in. To be a pastor who can help prepare people to be part of the harvest crew, that is my desire.

—Robert Sandford  
Robert Sandford, Lodi, CA, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He and his wife Charlene have one child.



The focus of my ministry will be seeking to establish God's reign in my life and the life of my family and to help facilitate the same in the lives of the people we minister to. I seek to bear witness of God's reign in my life through my integral proclamation of the gospel, my fellowship with the church, and my service to people. My goal for the people I minister to is that they also come to bear witness of God's reign in their lives through the same. I seek for God to be glorified, Jesus to be Lord, and disciples of him to be made.

—Don Schmid  
Donald Schmid, Grand Forks, ND, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He is married to Barbara.



The focus of my ministry will be to help guide people toward Kingdom living. I feel directed by the Holy Spirit to develop and maintain this personal Christian witness by working in the Christian education program of the church in an administrative or teaching capacity. I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities in the field of Christian

education for getting people involved in life-changing Bible study and equipping and training them for ministry. We need to step out in faith and claim all that God wants to give us.

—Joan Schouten  
Joan Schouten, Inwood, IA, is a senior in the Master of Christian Education degree program. She and her husband Stuart have three children.



The focus of my ministry will be the aid I can give to the emotional and spiritual care of the terminally ill person. I feel God has called me to give support and comfort to those people, who at a time in their life, find themselves compromised to a position they may dislike. Not only does the person injured need care but also those whom he loves around him need care. Comfort goes far beyond the realm of medicine to also include attitudes, values, and spirituality. My ministry, I hope, will include all aspects which make for the total care of one of God's people.

—Beatrice Winter  
Beatrice Winter, Sioux Falls, SD, is a senior in the Master of Counseling degree program. She and her husband Leonard have three children.



Following graduation from N.A.B. Seminary, my personal ministry will involve reaching boys and girls for Jesus Christ through the organization Child Evangelism Fellowship. I believe children have a special place in God's eyes. If a person can be won to Christ as a child, he will have many years to live for and serve his Lord. I will also teach and train adults in the ministry of child evangelism.

—Neil Wockenfuss  
Neil Wockenfuss, Aberdeen, SD, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He is married to Rita.



To envision my ministry apart from a given context is an illusive task. Christ's redemptive work takes place through the ministries of administration, education, fellowship, pastoral care, proclamation, and service. The direction and priority I place on each of these will depend on how I discern the needs and perceptions of a congregation. It's only as I have discovered the joys, sorrows, visions, and realities in people, that I am able to focus on ministries which will assist in bringing the presence and power of Christ to people.

—Jim Zier  
James Zier, Hope, KS, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He and his wife Ardice have one child.

Fourteen seniors graduating in 1985 from North American Baptist Divinity School, Edmonton, Alberta, are presented in

## Prepared to Minister

It is a privilege to be able to recommend to our churches the prospective 1985 graduates of North American Baptist Divinity School. They have invested an important portion of their lives in preparation for ministry. They are deeply committed to the task of serving God with the gifts he has entrusted to them. Their personal testimonies, which follow, provide an indication of those areas in which they feel called and prepared to minister. They are praying that God will lead them to a place of fruitful service, and so we commend them to you as those who are "prepared to minister."



Jim Calamunce and his wife, Della, are both alumni of N.A.B. College. He completed the requirements for the M. Div. program at N.A.B. Divinity School during the summer of 1984 and subsequently accepted a call to a staff position at Sunshine Ridge Baptist Church in Surrey, British Columbia. He has already begun his ministry there and is looking forward to being used by God, especially in his work with young people.

Jim Calamunce, Surrey, BC, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He and his wife have one child.



Mark Davies has spent the past two summers serving First Baptist Church in Minitonas, Manitoba, as a student pastor, and is presently serving the Hillview Baptist Church in Edmonton as interim pastor on a part-time basis. He and his wife, Sybil, are looking forward to his graduation this spring and to pastoral ministry within the N.A.B. Conference thereafter. Mark states that he intends to give the highest priority to "developing myself as a man of God who can faithfully preach the Word."

Mark Davies, Edmonton, AB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He and his wife are expecting their first child.



Wayne Dickau, a graduate of N.A.B. College, will be available for service within the North American Baptist Conference upon graduation from N.A.B. Divinity School in May. He and his wife, Sandra, are particularly interested in opportunities to minister to youth, with some preaching involvement, as well as visitation and counseling. Other interests include community outreach through friendship evangelism and the creative use of drama with young people. In his ministry, Wayne expects to give highest priority to "developing strong interpersonal relationships within the church."

Wayne Dickau, St. Catharines, ON, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.



Having spent two summers involved in counseling and supervision at Camp Arnes, as well as having worked with youth at McKernan Baptist Church in Edmonton, Ron Dubetz would be open to serve as a minister of youth upon graduation. "In my ministry," he says, "I intend to give the highest priority to discipling believers that they might become more like Christ, and that together we might lead those who don't know Christ to accept him as Savior and Lord."

Ron Dubetz, Lethbridge, AB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.



Glenn Keeler is interested in finding an associate or staff position within a church in the N.A.B. Conference, preferably in an urban or suburban setting. He has gained valuable experience through serving as a summer worker with Immanuel Baptist Church in Edmonton, as well as spending last summer as intern pastor at Meadowlark Baptist Church in Edmonton. He and his wife, Sandy, are both alumni of N.A.B. College. High on Glenn's list of priorities are "small group Bible studies as the most effective method of nurturing Christians, promoting worship, establishing community, and engaging in mission."

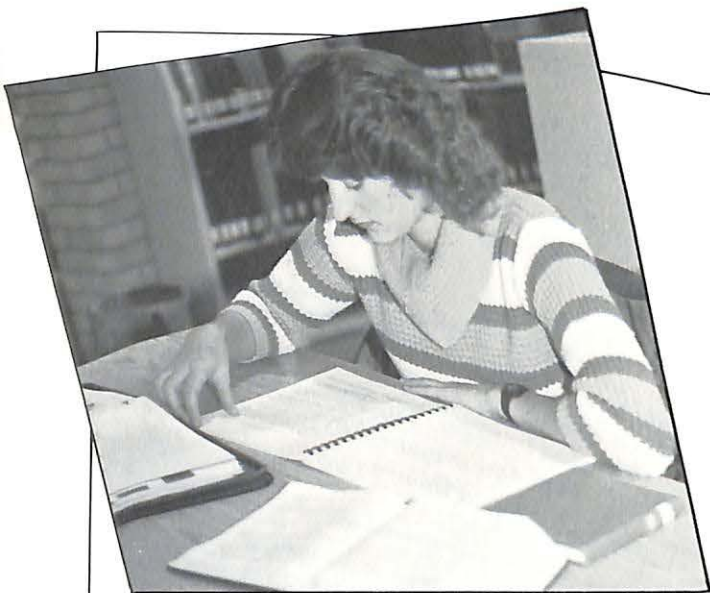
Glenn Keeler, Edmonton, AB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.



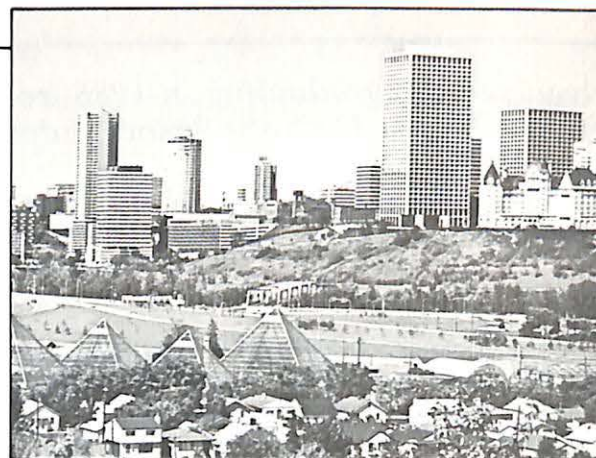
Brian Krushel and his wife, Valerie, are affiliated with the Church of God of Anderson, Indiana. Before commencing M. Div. studies at N.A.B. Divinity School, Brian served as interim pastor for two years in Unity, Saskatchewan, and Camrose, Alberta. After graduation he will be assuming pastoral responsibilities at the Camrose Church of God, where he intends to give the highest priority to preaching, administration, and teaching.

Brian Krushel, Morden, MB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.





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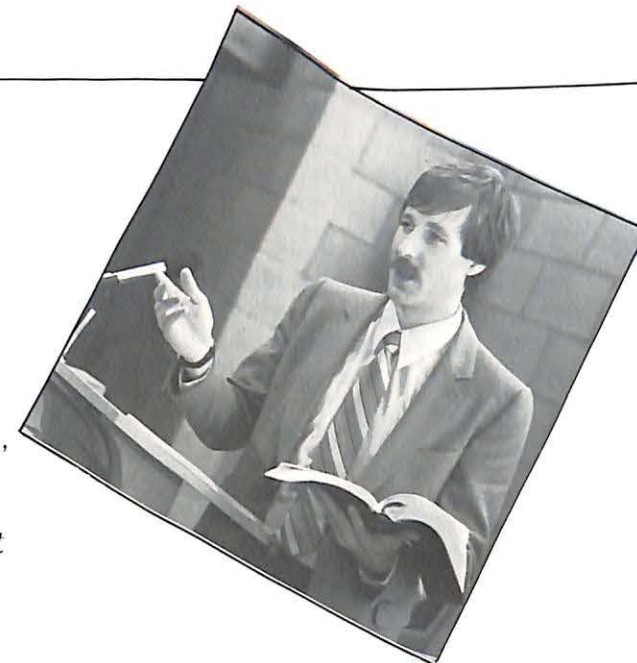


Edmonton is a large metropolitan city, offering a variety of cultural, social, educational and sports activities.



"Since I stepped on the campus of NABC/DS in September, every aspect of my life has been affected. I came with the desire to learn more about the Bible, but I find myself being challenged to grow in every area of my life . . . I have really appreciated my classes as well as the other opportunities to serve Christ in practical ministries."

—Jana Weick,  
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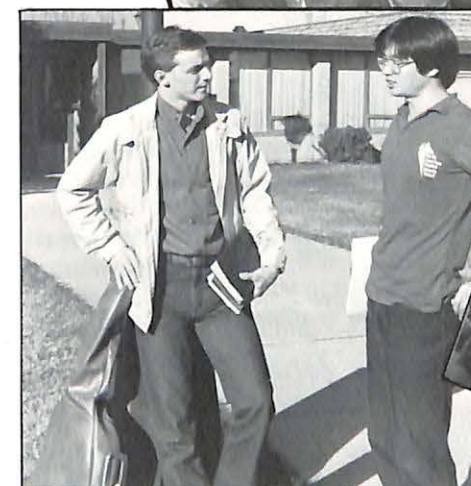
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Kathy Lander enjoys working with people and organizing ministry-related programs. She has been involved in setting up a junior church program, an Awana program, and a ministry for singles. Upon graduation she would be open to a staff position in Christian education, youth work, and women's ministry, though she plans to stay in the Edmonton area for at least one more year while her husband, Cliff, completes his M. Div. studies. "Serving God and his people" is Kathy's highest priority.

Kathy Lander, Edmonton, AB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.



Cliff Spence and Helga are the proud parents of Hildegard Jean. Cliff has served as interim pastor, minister of outreach, and associate pastor, and will be available for full-time pastoral ministry after graduation. He expects to make discipleship the number one priority in his ministry. He says, "I plan to train people in matters of faith and its logical outworking, and at the same time to walk with them in their faith journey, sharing their struggles and rejoicing with them in their victories."

Cliff Spence, Calgary, AB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program. He and his wife have one child and are expecting their second.



Wayne Whitbourne's goal following graduation is to serve as a missionary in Calcutta, India, with Action International Ministries. In addition to doing some preaching and teaching in churches, he has already spent a summer in missionary service in Manila in the Philippines. Highest on his list of priorities is "serving God by preaching and teaching the Word of God in order that God can draw people to himself."

Wayne Whitbourne, Edmonton, AB, is a senior in the Master of Divinity degree program.



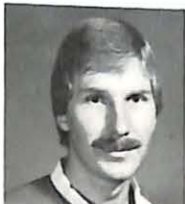
Gary Mitchell is affiliated with the Christian Brethren and has worked with both youth groups and college and career groups. His plans for the future are rather indefinite, but he does have a special interest in sports ministries and campus work. Whatever the Lord has in store for him, Gary is concerned always to keep before himself the awareness that Christians "are called to remain in the world and yet not to become of the world."

Gary Mitchell, Edmonton, AB, is a senior in the Master of Theological Studies degree program.



Edmonton's Braemar Baptist Church, which is affiliated with the Baptist Union of Western Canada, is Myles Krueger's home church. He would like to continue with further theological studies at a seminary in the U.S., with a view to eventually exercising a preaching ministry. He mentions that he would like to give priority to "encouraging those in our faith and encouraging others into our faith."

Myles Krueger, Edmonton, AB, is a senior in the Master of Theological Studies degree program.



Brent Russett is affiliated with the Wesleyan Church of Canada and would like to minister in a Wesleyan Church in eastern Ontario after graduation. He would be interested in a staff position working with youth or full pastoral responsibilities in a smaller church. His experience as a counselor with juvenile delinquents for three years would prove especially valuable in any ministry he has with young people. "The care of the people and the preaching of the Word" are the highest priorities he has set for himself.

Brent Russett, Edmonton, AB, is a senior in the Bachelor of Theology degree program.



Bernie Singbeil will be available for a staff position, possibly as youth pastor in an N.A.B. church upon graduation. He has had experience in working with young people and has had considerable exposure to evangelism and outreach abroad. Long-term plans include the possibility of continued education and involvement in church extension. His first priority is simply "the communication of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, be it through the vehicle of preaching, teaching, counseling, or whatever is required."

Bernie Singbeil, Kelowna, BC, is a senior in the Bachelor of Theology degree program.



Alfred Zielke is interested in missions. While a student at N.A.B. Divinity School, he has spent one summer as a missionary in Austria and has been involved in church extension projects in Alberta in parts of two other summers. He is looking forward to full-time missionary service after graduation. "One of my greatest desires and deepest concerns," he says, "is to see people come to know Jesus personally and to be in a right relationship with him."

Alfred Zielke, Calgary, AB, is a senior in the Bachelor of Theology degree program.

## maccabee's musings

*Judas Maccabaeus was a second century B.C. Jewish leader who fought to free Judaism from corrupting Hellenistic influence.*

Our church steeple has pigeons. "Pigeons in your steeple" may sound better than "bats in your belfry," but it isn't when your steeple has pigeons like a dog has fleas. The pigeons have been there for years, and it took our church board a long time to decide to do anything about them. About two years ago, the pigeons got so numerous and were making such a mess that they couldn't be ignored any longer. A "pigeon assault team" was formed, and our church custodian got to be "point man." It was his job to open the overhead hatch that leads to the top of the steeple. If you keep in mind that no one had been up in the steeple for maybe ten years, and that the pigeons had been living there unmolested for all that time, you can readily imagine what happened when he finally got that hatch pried open. He had to burn his clothes afterwards. The rest of the team helped shovel out the mess, and then we sealed off the steeple grating with chicken wire.

We thought the pigeons would go away once their roost was closed up. But they didn't. They took to roosting glumly on the church roof, or poking forlornly at the gratings, looking for a way back to their old home. Not even the bitter cold of winter drove them away. We put out poisoned corn, and that thinned out their ranks, but it didn't eliminate them. They persisted, and a couple of weeks ago I noticed that they were going back into the steeple again. Somehow they had forced an opening in the chicken wire. It's beginning to look like we're going to have to call in an exterminator or hire a killer hawk.

Those pigeons remind me of the persistent sins that so easily beset us. If our sins were like bats, we would drive them away immediately. Nobody is going to tolerate flocks of bats. But they are not like bats; they are like pigeons; homely, gently cooing, apparently harmless. We think about getting rid of them now and then, but after all, they are only pigeons. Months and years slide by, until one day we can ignore those pet sins no longer. They have multiplied and are making an awful mess of our lives. Only when the clean up finally begins, do we fully realize how foul they really were, and how much damage they have done.

We are glad to be free of them at last; we think they will easily be removed from us as far as the east is from the west. But alas, it is only the eternal consequences of the sins that has been removed; the sins themselves, in the form of old habits, ingrained tendencies, and temptations lurk around like mournful pigeons looking for a way back into our lives. After all, once they were our protected pets. The constant threat of stumbling in these old areas of weakness is the price we pay for not taking drastic action against sin the moment it appears.

Just as pigeons must be eliminated with the same determination and zeal as bats, so our pet sins must be repented of and purged with the same energy as the most obnoxious, vile sins. Otherwise the day will come when we will bitterly regret our self-indulgence. □

## new day

A Letter to "New Day"

Thank you for being with me last night and helping me. All night I was struggling and saying no to God, but this morning I said yes. I realized I really did need him. I'm going to try to like myself, and I'm going to try to let others love me, especially God. And I'm going to rely on God's strength and not my own. I feel a peace spreading throughout my life, and God is filling my heart with his love and joy. I want to serve him, but I know that I'm going to have to grow in his Word and learn to trust him with my whole life, before I can. I'm so excited! I feel like singing out with joy!

I now have a goal in my life, and I'm going to strive for it. My goal is to serve God. I want to let others know how wonderful he is and help those that are struggling in their spiritual life, like you and the whole "New Day" group have helped me to see the light.

I know that I'm going to go through many trials, but praise the Lord, because I know that through those trials, I'll grow closer to the Lord.

Thank you for this weekend and the many wonderful things that you have shared with me and many others. I'll be praying for you and your mission. Thank you. Galatians 2:20 (I believe).

*This is what "New Day" ministries are all about. We can do all the singing and seminars we want, but unless we are living out what we profess to be, we work in vain. The author of the above letter is a young girl over whom the angels now rejoice as she has come to know the Lord in a personal way. It excites this writer to know that something that was said in our services and through the words of God coming from the mouths of us, his imperfect people, that a young life was brought to the knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ. □*

—Susan Zenky, reporter, "New Day"

## youth

WARREN, MI. The youth of North Pointe Baptist Church enjoy an active program. Summer activities began with SWAP—Summer with a Purpose—for the junior highs during VBS. Weekly events were planned by the Minister of Youth, Paul Thomas, assisted by his wife Beth. In addition, the junior high youth went on a retreat; the senior highs went white water rafting in Pennsylvania; and several young people were taken on a Discipleship Week.

The young people are constantly challenged and trained during these times to "reach out" to others. As a result, unsaved youth are attending youth meetings and coming to know the Lord.

Mr. Thomas has initiated a program of parents meeting every two or three months, receiving input from them and working as a team for the betterment of the youth. Paul is assisted by several dedicated sponsors.



## Women at N.A.B.S.: Preparing for Ministry

by Janelle Hiatt, seminary president's wife, Sioux Falls, SD

As I interact with North American Baptist Seminary student wives, I like to share with them the words of a plaque on our living room wall: "Lord, help me find the way through the changes in my life." This plaque has arrows pointing inward and outward in all directions. The plaque is probably very symbolic of the feelings many wives have as their husbands enroll at North American Baptist Seminary. I am grateful that we have a variety of organized ways at N.A.B. Seminary to help these women adjust to seminary life and to help prepare them for their future ministry experience.

Seminary Women's Fellowship is an organization that has functioned nearly twenty years for all women on campus: student wives, women students, staff workers, and faculty and staff wives. Although the organization has changed with time, the basic purpose has remained the same: Christian growth, fellowship, and support. One student wife recently described S.W.F. as a "giant support task force." The monthly meetings strive to accomplish just that as the women interact, sharing struggles, worries, and joys.

Nearly five years ago, the care group concept for women was organized as an extension of S.W.F. These small groups of eight to ten women, which meet on their own schedules, function as an additional support network for sharing, prayer, and socialization. The care groups have good attendance and have resulted in the development of lasting friendships even after leaving N.A.B. Seminary.

A third opportunity for student wives can be realized by enrollment in classes at N.A.B.

Seminary. Whether auditing classes or working toward credit, many wives have been personally enriched and stimulated by getting a taste of what their husbands experience full time. One "specialized" class that is offered is "The Effective Minister's Wife." Nearly all student wives take advantage of this course, which helps them prepare spiritually, emotionally, and socially for the supportive role they will play in the ministry.

Not all women at N.A.B. Seminary are student wives. There are a number of women who enroll as full and part-time students themselves. They, too, experience adjustment to seminary life. These women have developed their own care group which meets regularly for spiritual development, support, and prayer.

Sometimes it is hard to find one's place in the middle of change. At N.A.B. Seminary we are excited about the opportunities for women to grow and develop personally and alongside their husbands. Pray for the women students in their studies. Pray also for the wives and families of seminary students. They are a supportive and motivating force for the successful ministry of reconciling the world through Christ.



WMF Executive Committee during its annual meeting, September 20-22, 1984 (l to r): Audrey Littman, Sara Pasiciel, Donna McFall, LaVerna Mehlhaff, Iona Quiring, Ruby Altnow, Eva Helwing, Maria Rogalski, Manetta Hohn.

## A Prayer from United Airlines Flight 203

by Donna McFall, English  
program packet editor,  
Stockton, CA

Even though my energy level is on a par with a two-week-old bouquet of cut flowers, there are thoughts bouncing around in my head like the action inside a plugged-in corn popper!

Weren't the W.M.F. Executive Committee meetings exciting? Lord, did you notice . . .

How eyes smiled and spoke acceptance when others shared thoughts and comments?

The uncontrolled laughter breaking out following long, intense sessions?

The quiet "it isn't coming together—let's stop and pray?"

How we struggled over the next triennial theme? Just couldn't settle for mediocrity . . . it had to be important, challenging, and life-changing!

How we looked hard at the missions ministries we dream of supporting throughout our world and realized our financial goal would have to stretch us and build our faith?

The love for you, for each other, and for your women expressed over and over?

Oh, Father, draw us together. Make us a powerhouse for you. It

doesn't matter about age, country, size of group or preference of ministry style. We are all women of hope who have a deep desire to hold Jesus Christ high in our neighborhoods, workplaces, communities, and yes, our world. We commit ourselves and our dreams to you.

I love you.

## Beating Boredom's Blues

by Sally Adam,  
Citrus Heights, CA

The book of Ecclesiastes is filled with feelings of boredom, monotony, the same hum-drum life day after day. Solomon was experiencing emptiness, purposeless boredom, and he was unable to find satisfaction "anywhere under the sun." And he had 700 wives!

How about it? Do you ever feel that everything you do is in vain?

"Nothing is worthwhile, everything is futile." What does the homemaker get for all her trouble? Like the wind, we rush around, here and there, often getting nowhere. "Rivers run into the sea, but the sea is never full." Neither are our cupboards when we come home from our weekly shopping. "What's to eat?" is a common cry heard around the house. Our clothes hamper is always full, even after spending an entire day washing.

We arise the same time every morning, fix breakfast—usually the same thing—pack lunches—always peanut butter and jelly—and scrounge around the house looking for the right change for milk money. Every day, at the same time, we get the kids off to school. Then it's "What shall I fix for dinner tonight that can be made around soccer practice and

## . . . for the Potter's use . . .

by Iona Quiring, WMF president, Rogers, MN

The annual Association Women's Retreat is something I love to attend every year, but this time I was only sort of half with it. The fault wasn't with the program, the trouble was with me. The preceding weeks had been very busy, and several unfinished tasks were still on my mind. The next months promised to be just as full, and on top of that, I was coming down with a miserable sinus cold. I was really feeling blah.

At the Saturday afternoon session, Carol and Barb sang one of my favorite songs, praising the Lord who reigns in beauty, wisdom, power, and love. It was beautiful. The retreat committee had planned a special concert for Sunday morning to conclude our time together. What a worshipful experience as Mariel, the soloist, sang song after lovely song into our hearts. In sharing her testimony she talked about how we work so hard to please God in order to be accepted by him, when

in fact what he really desires is our worship and ourselves. Then HE will do HIS work in us. That famous retreat saying, "Praise the Lord and pass the Kleenex!" was true again. I sat there with my Kleenex, wiping away tears and thanking God for warming and refreshing my spirit, while Mariel sang that same special song: "Bless the Lord who reigns in beauty; Bless the Lord who reigns in wisdom and in power; Bless the Lord who reigns my life with so much love. He can make a perfect heart!"

It was God's message to me. He had given me just what I needed—a reminder that he is Almighty God, and that he wants to be involved in my life. Only he can make a perfect heart. My job is to praise and honor him.

One of my primary goals this year is to develop the habit of praising God, of focusing on him and his power instead of on me and my limitations.

Lord, use me . . . to praise you.

the meeting my husband has to get to after dinner." It's all futile; why bother? What thanks will I get?

But wait! Is it all in vain? NO! It may take a few years to see results, but you will. Solomon says in 11:9, "Young man (woman), it's wonderful to be young. Enjoy everything, but realize that you must account to God for everything you do." We can find joy in everyday activities, changing routines just a little, being creative with meals, praying while we fold clothes, playing games with our kids, reading stories, seeing changes in yourself as God works in your life. Ecclesiastes 11:1 says, "Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Divide your gifts among many for in the days ahead you yourself

may need much help." Verse four says, "If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done!" Amen!

If you give a blessing to others, God is faithful in bringing back blessings. Don't give up!

In the last verses, Solomon tells us that he learned two things: Fear God and obey his commandments. After all is said and done, after we have done the dishes, and the sink is full of dirty dishes again, the dust has returned, the floor is sticky, and the car is broken, our duty is to love God and listen to him. He may be hard to hear above the racket and constant chatter, but listen; he can be heard. Trust and obey. Satisfaction will not be found under the sun but "in the Son."





Chaplain David Receives Commendation

Chaplain Fred David, Protestant Chaplain at the Portland Veterans Administration Medical Center, recently received commendation as an outstanding VA Chaplain going beyond the call of duty.

"It speaks well of Chaplain David's natural pastoral care and concern for our patients," states Max P. Metcalf, chief, Chaplain Service. "He was able, single-handedly, to defuse a serious situation and to prevent people from being hurt."

Doctors, nurses, and the security police had all tried to persuade the distraught patient to put down his potential weapon, but they all failed and were afraid to use force. Chaplain David walked up to the patient, calmed him, asked him to give up the weapon, put his arm around the man's shoulder and walked him to another room where a doctor was able to continue treatment. Chaplain David is an N.A.B. endorsed chaplain.

## Church Growth



ASHLEY, ND. Pastor Allen Gerber (pictured left) baptized three young people recently at Ashley Baptist Church.

CALGARY, AB. Four persons, pictured with Pastor Sieg Koslowski (pic-



tured right) and Pastor Dieter Reda (pictured left), were baptized and welcomed into membership of Thornhill Baptist Church on June 24, 1984. "We praise the Lord Jesus for his great blessings," says Ernel Zipprick, reporter.

DERBY, NY. The Rev. James Reidling (pictured), pastor, Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, led special



meetings at Highland Baptist Church on the theme, "The Christian in Today's World." The Spirit moved; the group experienced revival; and decisions were made.

"The Lord continues to add to his church as six followed Jesus Christ in baptism," says the Rev. George Brite, pastor of Highland Baptist.

WINNEPEG, MB. Pastor Richard Goetze baptized six new believers into the church. Youth Pastor Reid Galbraith baptized two young people who had been discipled by him at a baptismal service at Camp Nutimik, July 29.

The McDermot Ave. Baptist Church honored its graduates with a special Grad Evening.

The young people of the Manitoba Association presented the musical "Exaltation."

The German-speaking seniors gather once a month for special features and fellowship; this new ministry has been spear-headed by Associate Pastor Werner Dietrich.



## Youth

NORRIDGE, IL. The First Baptist Church held its second annual "Anything Goes Challenge for Junior High School Students." Twenty-five young people and fifteen adult leaders pulled off a three-way team competition in six wacky events held on the



church grounds. Seventeen of the twenty-five young people involved were new church contacts.

"In 1982 we only had contact with three young people this age," says Larry Cavin, pastor. From the serve of the first volleyball to the last splash of "Slide and Shoot Basketball," the day-long event produced genuine excitement among the teens and significant community interest. Is a winter version really next?

## Association Meetings

BURLINGTON, ON. Senator Stan Johnson, Tacoma, WA, spoke on the theme, "The Christian in Today's Society," at the annual sessions of the Eastern Association, hosted by Pineland Baptist Church, Jake Leverette, pastor, on Sept. 21-23, 1984.

Missionaries Oryn Meinerts and Minnie Kuhn shared the many needs on the mission fields and ways that those needs can be met.

Mrs. Pat Meinerts spoke at the ladies' luncheon daring the women to be different and faithful. Music was provided by the choir of the host church, as well as several duets and trios, and a mass choir from the Eastern Association churches directed by Karen Grenz.

The acting moderator, Bill Kaufeldt, ably handled the business sessions.

During the regular Association meetings, a special youth conference was held under the leadership of Dan Leverette, assistant pastor, Pineland Church. (Dorian Getz, reporter.)

APPLE VALLEY, MN. The annual meeting of the Minnesota/LaCrosse Association was held Sept. 14 and 15, 1984, at Apple Valley Baptist Church. Entertainment at the Friday night banquet was provided by "New Day." The guest speaker was Dr. Rod Zimmerman, medical missionary to Cameroon.

On Saturday the business sessions were conducted, and two seminars on



"A Caring Fellowship" were presented by Dr. Ron Mayforth, N.A.B. College. "New Day" participated in sessions with the youth.

The 1985 meeting will be held September 20 and 21 at First Baptist Church, Appleton, MN. (Sina Brittingham, church clerk.)

AVON, SD. Dr. Roy DeBrand, professor, North American Baptist Seminary, spoke on "Discipleship in Depth" at the annual sessions of the South Dakota/Wyoming Association, hosted by Danzig Baptist Church, the Rev. Jason Haas, pastor, on Sept. 27-29, 1984.

The Rev. Juan Luna, home missionary from Rio Grande City, TX, gave his personal testimony and spoke at the combined ladies' and men's luncheon.

Robert Mayforth, financial services director, and the Rev. Charles Littman, area minister, contributed information of interest in regard to C.E.I.F. and the N.A.B. Conference. President Charles Hiatt led a Seminary evening with remarks from members of the faculty and musical numbers presented by Bob and Beth Weiss.

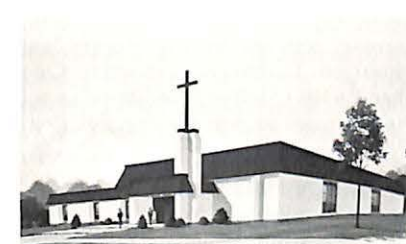
Special music was provided by the Bon Homme County Men's Chorus.

The sixteen churches in the Association were represented by 109 delegates.

The business sessions were ably handled by the Rev. Leon Bill, moderator. The 1985 meeting will be held in Wessington Springs. (Dorothy M. Bleeker, secretary.)

## Church Dedication and Anniversary

SPRINGSIDE, SK. A Sod-turning Service was held by Springside Baptist Church on Sept. 23, 1984, with the Rev. Sieg Schuster, area minister, as guest speaker. The neighboring church



ches were invited.

The building will consist of a sanctuary, 90 feet by 90 feet seating 375, which includes the overflow, an office, pastor's study, secretary's office, baptistry, lounge area, large foyer, and fairly large Sunday school facilities.

The Rev. Richard Grabke is pastor of the Church. (Christel Derow, reporter.)

FAIR OAKS, CA. The Sunrise Baptist Church observed its 10th anniversary Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 1984. The founding and present pastor, the Rev. Gene Kern and his family, began their ministry in 1974 after the area had been surveyed, and church extension committees from both the Northern California Association and the North American Baptist Conference supported the planting of the church.

Dr. William Yaeger, pastor, First Baptist Church of Modesto, CA, was the guest speaker at each service and at the banquet attended by 500 adults. The banquet program included a



KELOWNA, BC. A reunion of about 120 members and their spouses of the Grace Baptist Church's young people's society from the 1940 to 1950 decade met recently at Trinity Baptist Church. This reunion was organized by those who are now members of Trinity Baptist Church.

Events included a brunch with a program of speeches, reports, and songs. One member demonstrated her skill in a chalk drawing which was later given as a door prize at a banquet and cruise on Okanagan Lake. The evening closed with "old time" slides and fellowship at the church.

The Sunday evening church service was in charge of the group with more than 50 singing in the choir.

"The Christian maturity of the former young people was very evident, giving proof that God is indeed real." Some are deacons and leaders in their churches; others have become ministers.



witness the ground breaking ceremony for a new church building. "It was the result of much toil, patience and determination, but most of all, it is an answer to the sincere prayers of many people through the past 11 years when the Church Extension project in North Regina first started," says Hazel Hoffman, reporter.

Pastor Ed Schellenberg led the ground breaking service. It is hoped that the building will be completed in 1985.



**MEDICINE HAT, AB.** Five families who have been part of the Church Extension Core Group meeting in homes were commissioned in a special service at Temple Baptist Church on September 30, 1984. The service included a baby dedication and a message of challenge from the Rev. Isador Faszer, area minister.

"As a mother church, we at Temple are challenged to give guidance and to prayerfully uphold this new work while we aim for expansion in our own area," says Madeline Kern, reporter.

With Mr. Don Cantrell as interim

pastor, Faith Baptist Fellowship began morning services in the Ross Glen School on Thanksgiving Sunday October 7, 1984, with 57 in attendance. The average attendance for the first month was 39.5.

**WARREN, MI.** Dedication Sunday on September 23, 1984, at North Pointe Baptist was a day filled with praise. The choir, David McKeith, director, presented numbers including "The Cornerstone." Dr. Connie Salios, development director, N.A.B. Conference, was guest speaker.

As the Church reflected back four years ago on the merger of Bible Baptist of Troy and Trinity Baptist of Warren, hearts were overwhelmed with thanksgiving for the blessing God has bestowed upon the Church.

With an increased "family," larger facilities were needed. The added facilities provide an extension to the sanctuary, a new entryway and large foyer, offices, restrooms, fellowship hall, and gymnasium.

The Rev. Gordon Thomas is senior pastor.

**SPRINGSIDE, SK.** Springside Baptist Church celebrated its 50th anniversary, June 29-July 1, beginning with a banquet attended by 440 people. Martin Arndt was Master of Ceremonies. Former pastors and wives who were present were introduced and presented

with souvenir spoons and church history books. The Rev. Herman Effa, Edmonton, AB, brought the message. The evening concluded with prayer by the pastor, the Rev. Richard Grabke. A 50th anniversary banner, hand-made by Mrs. Donna (Schroeder) Breitzkreuz, was displayed at all events.

Springside Baptist lived up to its name with a variety of musical entertainment. Some of our missionaries and former pastors shared their experiences of growing up and/or serving in Springside. A message by the Rev. Sieg Schuster, area minister, concluded the evening.

Sunday morning, the festivities began with a community church service with musical packages presented by the senior and junior choirs as well as duets and trios by present and former members. Dr. Connie Salios, N.A.B. development director, brought the morning message.

During the concluding afternoon service, former pastors reminisced about their ministry in Springside. Musical talents were again displayed. "We were reminded of our ancestral heritage with the singing of several German choruses," says Rosalind Arndt, reporter.

Souvenir books, plates, mugs, spoons and pens were sold during the anniversary weekend.

## Special Events

**WINNIPEG, MB.** The McDermot Ave. Baptist Church held a farewell service for Pastor Richard Goetze and his family on August 12. Representatives of the Church expressed their thanks and bore testimony to the impact Pastor Goetze had on their personal lives. The Sunday school expressed special thanks to Peggy Goetze for her involvement and leadership in the Nursery Department. The seniors of our congregation thanked the pastor's son Robert for his service in picking up the elderly from Meadowood Manor for services each Sunday morning.

A love gift and an oil painting of scenery at Lake Nutimik Camp were presented to the Goetzes. (Maria Rogalski, reporter.)

**SWAN RIVER, MB.** Four young children were dedicated to the Lord during the morning service on Thanksgiving. A special offering was taken for our missionaries, followed

by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

A Thanksgiving dinner and program were held in the evening. Special recognition was given to three couples married 60 years or more: Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Nering, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rosentreter, and Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Lepholtz. A solo by Phyllis Schroeder and songs by the Sunday School children brought the evening to a close. (Lynn Patzer, reporter.)



**TACOMA, WA.** Calvary Baptist Church welcomed Charles Rowe as associate pastor as well as his wife Carol, and their children, Steve, Cheryl, and Debbie. Senior Pastor Ervin Gerlitz is pictured welcoming Pastor Rowe.

Improvements have been made to the church's sanctuary and building. A glass block wall with a cross decor in the center replaces the windows in the Fellowship Hall/gym.

The chapel was remodelled, making room for two more offices. Stained glass windows, depicting the birth, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus have replaced the windows in the sanctuary. "We thank God for a renewed commitment at Calvary which has resulted in an increase in giving," says Sibyl Liegelt, reporter.

**PARKVILLE, MO.** Whispering Oaks Baptist Church installed its new pastor, the Rev. Eric Coulon, on Sept. 30, 1984. Also welcomed were his wife and three sons. Dr. Connie Salios, development director, N.A.B. Con-



ference, (at left) spoke in the morning worship service and gave the devotional and dedication prayer in the installation service. The Rev. Milton Zeeb, southwestern area minister, (at right), along with several church members, were responsible for the preparation and presentation of this special service.

**VANCOUVER, BC.** Some reasons Bethany Baptist Church gave thanks

during October were for six young lives dedicated by their parents to the Lord; the Lord's Supper joyfully celebrated on Thanksgiving Sunday; teen's leader Markus Dressler and his wife beginning his ministry in October as a part-time student intern; active involvement in the Billy Graham Crusade, Vancouver, October 14-21; and opportunity to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner and to donate this banquet offering of over \$3,000 (divided equally) to Mutengene Home Economic Centre in Cameroon and the Missionary Childrens School in Bamenda. (Elsie Baum, reporter.)

**KITCHENER, ON.** During the morning service of Central Baptist Church on Sept. 9, 1984, the various groups of the Church welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Klaus Hildebrandt and family. The morning's messages were brought in English by the Rev. Fred Kahler, English pastor, and in German by the moderator, Mr. Henry Fuchs.

Sister churches brought greetings during the afternoon program. The Rev. John Goetze, retired and former pastor, and the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, area minister, spoke. Rev. Hildebrandt responded in both services. He will be heading the German ministry of Central Baptist.

Special music for the day was presented by mixed and male choirs and Karen Yahn and Otto Ferber. (Helmut Yahn, reporter.)

**BILLINGS, MT.** Following noon services on Sept. 23, 1984, members, friends, and guests gathered for a potluck dinner at Calvary Baptist Church to honor Dr. Curtis Ellis and wife Jo and welcome the new pastor, Mark Iblings, his wife Kathy, and their three girls. Dr. Ellis had served as interim pastor since May. (Ellie Rodier, reporter.)

**EAST DETROIT, MI.** Ridgemont Baptist Church celebrated the installation of the Rev. Douglas R. Timm as pastor on Sept. 30, 1984, at a service attended by members of several N.A.B. Churches of the Detroit Metropolitan Area.

Participating in the service were the Rev. William Taft, Great Lakes Area minister, the challenge to the pastor; the Rev. Robert Hess, Auburn, interim pastor at Ridgemont since April, the challenge to the church; the Rev. William Cummins, Ebenezer Baptist Church, greetings, Detroit Area Ministerial Fellowship; and Dr.

Herbert Hiller, Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, dedication prayer.



The Rev. Doug Timm and his wife Diedre expressed the joy of having served Ridgemont for nearly three years as Assistant Pastor and their willingness to follow God's leading to pastor the church. (Wilfred Schuelke, reporter.)

**LODI, CA.** Faithfulness in her commitment to serving the Lord in many ways is something that comes naturally to Mrs. Rose Bohnet (pictured with the Rev. Steve Opp, associate pastor.)



Rose has served in many areas in the church, but none more faithfully than in teaching in the Sunday School of Temple Baptist Church. During the evening service honoring the Christian Education workers of Temple Baptist Church, Mrs. Rose Bohnet was recognized for her 27 years of faithful teaching in the primary department of the Sunday School. Dr. Kenneth Fischer is senior pastor of Temple Baptist Church. (Mrs. Thelma F. Fischer, reporter.)



**WHITING, NJ.** Men from the Atlantic Association's 15 member churches heard S. Eric Beattie of Nazareth, PA, speak at the 21st Annual Men's Retreat of the Atlantic Association in October, at America's Keswick. Beattie's topic was "Should, Ought, Must Christianity." He is president and chief operating officer of Nazareth National Bank and Trust Co., and a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, PA, where he is the church moderator.

Others from Calvary Baptist Church who participated in the retreat were the Rev. Gary Miller, president of the Association's Men's Fellowship, and Steve Rivera, retreat song leader. (Bill Robinson, reporter.)



## Ordinations

**DRUMHELLER, AB.** Pastor Merle Hoots was ordained to the Christian ministry on June 3 at Parkdale Baptist Church with neighboring churches joining the church for this occasion.

The ordination message and the charge to the candidate were given by the Rev. Daniel Heringer, former pastor, First Baptist Church, Goodrich, ND, which was Hoots' home church. Pastor Allen Unger, Zion Baptist, Drumheller, and Pastor Wayne Jorstad, Grace Baptist, Calgary, also participated in the service. The Rev. Ritchie White, East Olds Baptist, welcomed Hoots into the Baptist ministry. Pastor Merle Hoots closed the service in prayer. (Ethel Orthner, reporter.)

## Wedding Anniversaries



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Koepplin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17, 1984, with a reception and program hosted by

their children and grandchildren at the Lehr Baptist Church, Lehr, ND, where the Koepplins are members.



The 50th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin F. Walter (pictured) was observed at an open house reception hosted

by their children. Rev. and Mrs. Walter pastored in four N.A.B. churches during their forty years in the ministry. Rev. Walter is chaplain of the Freeman Hospital and Nursing Home. They are members of First Baptist Church, Emery, SD.



Mr. and Mrs. Gustav (Marie) Wegner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this past summer at Oakridge Baptist Church, St.

Joseph, MI. Gustav and the former Marie Hohensee were united in marriage July 12, 1934.

## Mission Events

**MINOT, ND.** "Home Missions to World Missions" was the theme of a conference held at First Baptist Church.

A "South of the Border Missions" potluck banquet featured Delores Baklenko of H.C.J.B. Radio, Quito, Ecuador, and her sister, Lois Kankovsky, Butte, ND.

On Sunday morning, the Rev. Terry Stoltzenow, Fargo, gave a challenging

message concerning N.A.B. church extension work.

Other guest speakers Sunday through Tuesday were Joyce Hornberger, R.N., Ivory Coast mission work; Dale Clifton, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship; and Merrill Freeman, Cheyenne, WY, Child Evangelism Fellowship.

All evening sessions closed with a time of informal questions and answers hosted by Missions Board Chairman, O.H. Mittleberg. The Rev. Lester Hirst is pastor. (Inez Rhone, reporter.)

## congratulations

Congratulations to the following churches for joining the Church Family Subscription Plan to the Baptist Herald:

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Dockter, agent.

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Zion Baptist, Okeene, OK; Mrs. Donald Fischer, agent.

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## in memoriam

**GUSTAV ONTJO MAIFIELD** (60), Aplington, IA, born Nov. 23, 1923, to Ontjo and Maranda Greenfield Maifield in Franklin County, died Aug. 11, 1984. On Sept. 15, 1947, he married Ruth Stover at Hampton, IA. He was a member of Aplington Baptist Church. Gus was elected "Man of the Year" in 1972 by the Aplington Jaycees in recognition of his service as Scoutmaster. He was predeceased by his mother. Survivors include his father, Ontjo, Dumont; his wife, Ruth; five sons: Michael, Crystal Lake, IL; Martin, Florida; Dennis, Glendale, CA; and David and Steven of Aplington; three daughters: Melaine (Mrs. Kent Brandt), Allison; Lori Maifield, Oakland, CA; and Lisa at home; 2 grandchildren; 1 sister, Mrs. Charles (Yvonne) Gibb; three brothers: Harold, Donald, and Lowell. The Rev. Donald Patet officiated at the funeral service.

**ELEANOR ARNDT** (67), born Sept. 17, 1917, at Winnipeg, MB, to Adolf and Matilda (nee Lutz) Horn, died Oct. 16, 1984. They moved to the Springside, SK, area. At an early age, Eleanor accepted Christ as her Savior and became active as Sunday school superintendent, teacher, and organist as well as in Women's Missionary Fellowship. On Sept. 21, 1941, she married Martin Arndt. Survivors include her husband Martin; 2 daughters: Jeanette and husband Bob Kriger and 3 children, Springside; Vivian and husband Fred Chelstad, and 3 children: Calgary, one son: Nelson and wife Rosalind, and daughter, Springside, five sisters: Francis Patzer, Connie Bohn, Olive Patzer, Phyllis Ziolkowski, and Evelyn Muth. The Rev. R. Grabke officiated at the funeral service.

**WILLIAM ARNDT** (72), born Oct. 2, 1912, to Jacob and Jetta (Postick) Arndt at Kief, ND, died Oct. 1, 1984, at Turtle Lake, ND. On Sept. 29, 1939, he married Marie Ebel. In 1947 he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized, and joined Rosenfeld Baptist Church, Drake. Upon moving to McClusky, he joined McClusky Baptist Church where he served as trustee, usher, and Sunday school secretary. Surviving him are his wife Marie; 3 daughters: Mrs. Roger (Marlyn) Roth, Bottineau, ND; Mrs. Jerry (Janice) Roth, Casper, WY; and Mrs. Gene (Sharon) Lynn, Gillette, WY; 1 son, William R., Fargo, ND; 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Jacob and Emil; 1 sister, Ella Koskela. He was predeceased by his parents and three brothers. The Rev. Oscar Fritzsche officiated at the service.

**MARIE BRENNER** (95), born to August and Wilhelmina Zoschke, Oct. 20, 1889, in Bellingham, MN, died in Herington, KS, Oct. 23, 1984. In 1911 the Zoschke family moved to Kansas, near Junction City. They joined German Baptist Church of Gear County (now Highland Baptist Church, Junction City). She married Alvin Brenner, May 28, 1914. Her husband preceded her in death in 1967. Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Roy (Gladys) Seibel, Onamia, MN; two sons: Kenneth, Woodbine, KS, and Merle, Elk Grove, CA; and ten grandchildren. Marie, who persevered through trials with a firm faith in her Lord, will be remembered for her quiet spirit and helpful disposition. Her son, the Rev. Merle Brenner, officiated at the memorial service assisted by her grandson, the Rev. Carl Brenner, and her son-in-law, Dr. Roy Seibel.

**GERTRUDE DE NEUI** (88), Chancellor, SD, born Jan. 9, 1896, near Lennox, SD, died Sept. 7, 1984. She married Peter De Neui, March 16, 1915. He preceded her in death in January, 1978. Gertrude accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized, and became a member of First Baptist Church, Chancellor, in 1942. Survivors include one son, Raymond, and one daughter, Mrs. R. A. (Tressa) Burfeindt, both of Chancellor. The Rev. Rodney

Poppinga officiated at the memorial service.

**JULIUS A. GALL** (81), Herreid, SD, born June 10, 1903, to Peter and Dorothea (Buckenberger) Gall in Campbell County, SD, died Sept. 20, 1984. He accepted Christ, was baptized, and joined Herreid Baptist Church in 1924. He sang in a men's quartet and held several positions such as financial secretary, treasurer, deacon, Sunday school superintendent, and teacher in Herreid Baptist Church, of which he was a member for 60 years with the exception of being a member of McClusky (ND) Baptist Church while in business there in 1935. On June 8, 1951, he married Bertha (Huber) Jorgenson. He is survived by his wife Bertha of Herreid, and one sister, Freida Reller of Mortell, NE. He was preceded in death by seven brothers, one sister and his parents. Pastor Harry Johnson and the Rev. Arthur Fischer officiated at the funeral.

**KATHERINE HAUFF** (84), born Aug. 5, 1900, at Kassel, S. Russia, to Jacob and Katherine Stroh, died Oct. 14, 1984. They moved to South Dakota, U.S.A., in 1901. Katherine married Julius Hauff in 1920. They lived near Harvey and McClusky before moving to Bismarck in 1950 when they joined Bismarck Baptist Church. Survivors include one son: Albert, Bismarck; five brothers: Jake, John, Edward, Ted, and Paul; two sisters: Mary Hochhalter and Mrs. George (Anna) Vollmer; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The Reverend Orville Meth and Ernest Schaeffer officiated at the funeral service.

**HEINZ VICTOR JESKE** (65), Edmonton, AB, born in Lodz, Poland, Aug. 12, 1919, died Sept. 20, 1984. Heinz loved the Lord and always sought ways to serve him. He served in the Salem Church as moderator, treasurer, choir director, and organist. Later he transferred his membership to Central Baptist Church. He was predeceased by his wife, Esther Johanna Maria, Oct. 21, 1974, and his daughter Barbara Christina, Oct. 1, 1946. Survivors include four children: Mrs. Sigrid Goliath, St. Catharines, ON; Mrs. Gabriele Westeroth, Edmonton, AB; Mr. Wolfgang Jeske, Morinville; and Mr. Heinz Jeske, Jr., St. Catharines, ON; two brothers, Gerold and Benno; and 10 grandchildren. Prof. W. Waitkus and the Rev. L. Reimer officiated at the funeral service.

**CHRISTIAN J. KREMER**, Linton, ND, born Aug. 17, 1900, to Jacob and Philipine (Bender) Kremer at Venturia, ND, died Feb. 9, 1984. He married Lydia Mauch, Nov. 20, 1923, at Bismarck. He accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized in 1932, and joined First Baptist Church, Linton. He sang in the choir, men's quartet and chorus and served as Sunday school teacher and in the Men's Brotherhood. Survivors include his wife Lydia; 2 sons: Ronald, and Ralph; 1 daughter, Mrs. Wilbur (Anna Laura) Weber; 13 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Fred and Gottlieb; and 2 sisters: Mrs. Mary Fetzler and Martha Waldron. He was predeceased by a son, Neal; his parents, 3 brothers, and 3 sisters. The Reverends Randy Jaspers and A.J. Fischer officiated at the funeral service.

**REV. ALBERT KROMBEIN** (90), Bismarck, ND, born Oct. 27, 1894, in Winnipeg, MB, to John and Emile Redner Krombein, died Nov. 2, 1984. He was reared and educated near Oak Bank, MB, and graduated from the Baptist Seminary in Rochester, NY. Rev. Krombein married Martha Fenske on June 7, 1927. He was minister for 37 years and served churches in the following com-

munities: Carrington, ND, 1930-1938; Kelowna, BC, 1938-1941; Bismarck, 1941-1943; Eureka, SD, 1943-1955; Anamoose, ND, 1955-1959; and Mercer, ND, 1959-1964. They retired to Madison, SD, in 1964, and to Bismarck, ND, in 1974. He was a member of Bismarck Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Martha; two daughters: Mrs. George (Esther) Breikreuz, Dallas, OR, and Mrs. Clifford (Mabel) Walters, Iowa City, IA; one son, Norman, Phoenix, AZ; and eight grandchildren. The Reverends M.D. Wolff and Orville Meth officiated at the service.

**MRS. RAYMOND (ESTHER) RABENHORST** (81), born Nov. 21, 1902, in Lebanon, WI, to Henry and Frieda Krueger, died Sept. 26, 1984. She was baptized and joined Lebanon Baptist Church, March 21, 1914. On Nov. 8, 1924, she married Raymond Rabenhorst. In February 1942, they joined First Baptist Church, Watertown, WI, where she has served faithfully. She was known for her hospitality, her White Cross work, and her sincere desire to serve her Lord. Survivors include her husband; three daughters: Mrs. Edgar (Lorraine) Goetsch, Fort Atkinson, WI; Mrs. Marvin (Eunice) Goetsch, Watertown; Mrs. Wm. (Donna Mae) Schroeder, Cranbury, NJ; one son, Glenn (Dorothy) of Watertown; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister; two brothers; nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

**ALBERT E. REDDIG** (79), Cathay, ND, born April 19, 1905, near Bremen, ND, to Gustav and Johanna Reddig, died Sept. 18, 1984. On Nov. 6, 1937, he married Freda Klein. He was a lifelong member of Cathay Baptist Church, serving as Sunday school superintendent, deacon, Sunday school teacher, and treasurer until his death. He was known for the beautiful sculptures which he created from scrap iron. Survivors include his wife Freda; 4 sons: Gary, Lancaster, CA; Robert, Nashville, TN; Michael, Frankfurt, Germany; and Mark, Cathay, ND; 6 grandchildren; 2 brothers: Fred and Otto; and 5 sisters: Mrs. F.G. (Lydia) Helm, Elizabeth and Laura Reddig, Mrs. Ruth Gillem, and Mrs. Luois (Alice) Bibelheimer. Rev. John R. Dikkers was in charge of the service.

**JOHN C. SCHORZMAN** (93), born July 17, 1891, near Menno, SD, died Oct. 6, 1984. He and his parents moved to the Odessa, WA, area in 1901. He married Amelia Koth, March 1913. He trusted in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized, and joined Odessa Baptist Church. He enjoyed singing in the choir and served for many years as church treasurer. In 1979 they moved to Spokane. Survivors include his wife Amelia, Spokane; 2 sisters, Dina Koth and Hattie Schlimmer; and nieces and nephews. The Rev. Myrl Thiesies and the Rev. Albert Richardson officiated at the funeral service.

**LEONARD SCHRADER** (87), Donna, TX, born May 11, 1897, in McCook County, SD, died Sept. 14, 1984. At 21, he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized. On Feb. 26, 1930, he married Edith Meinerts of George, IA. Three children were born to this union, and Edith predeceased him in 1939. On Jan. 6, 1942, Leonard married Erna Krein Sand of Ethan, SD. They lived near Emery and joined First Baptist Church; then moved to Mitchell, SD, and joined First Baptist Church, and in 1974 moved to Texas and joined Central Valley Baptist Church, Donna, where Leonard served as a trustee. Erna predeceased him in 1977. Survivors include Milton and Donald, Emery, SD, and Evelyn Voss, Donna, TX; two brothers: Elmer and Edwin; one sister Margaret (Mrs. Dick Janssen); and 10 grandchildren. The Reverends James Harris and Elmo Herman officiated at the funeral services in Texas and South Dakota respectively.



**WITNESS TO GOD'S PERFECT TIMING**  
NSO, WEST CAMEROON. "Air transport is needed for an emergency airlift to Banso Baptist Hospital now!"

This was the voice of Kathy Kroll, missionary nurse/midwife, talking from the Mbem Baptist Health Center on the 4 P.M. Cameroon Baptist Mission Radio Communication. A young girl in much pain was hemorrhaging because of a ruptured ectopic pregnancy. She had just been brought to the Health Center expecting to get help.

"Usually I am never near the radio at 4 P.M." says Sylvia Auch, medical missionary. "I just happened to be passing by and heard the message."

Keith Eitel responded to Kathy from Ndu saying that John Sprunger, the Heli-Mission helicopter pilot, had just left from there and was making an unscheduled flight to Mbem to show a new pilot how to get there and where the best landing site was.

While Kathy was receiving that message, she was also hearing the helicopter above. Not knowing if he was planning to land or not, she left the radio and ran out to wave him in.

"After hearing the first message," relates Sylvia, "I immediately alerted the evening charge nurse, Mr. Sam Wirba, of what I had just heard. He wasted no time in calling the surgery crew. At the same time, I just happened to see the laboratory worker, Mr. Enoch Jingwi, going off duty, walking away from the hospital. I called him back and told him he may be needed to do a type and cross-match for a blood transfusion."

Dr. Ray Magnuson from Cambridge, Minnesota, and Dr. Linda Tetterington from Yellow Knife, N.W. Territory, were the temporary replacement doctors at Banso Baptist Hospital.

"When I returned to the radio, I heard, 'Breaker-breaker, this is John Sprunger. We are lifting off at Mbem heading for Banso Baptist Hospital. Have stretcher ready.'"

The stretcher was ready and waiting when the helicopter landed just minutes later. Dr. Ray Magnuson and Dr. Linda Tetterington were on hand, and the operating room staff were making the necessary preparations. The blood was typed and cross-matched immediately.

One hour later the surgery was over. The patient was in a comfortable bed receiving a blood transfusion. A life was saved; the Gospel message was sown, and God's perfect timing was demonstrated.

**CULTURAL DIFFERENCES CONFRONT MISSIONARY CAMPINAS, SP, BRAZIL.** "Life is very interesting in Brazil," says Ken Bayer. "Outwardly it may not look too much different than North America. Inside the hearts and minds of the people there are many differences though. People live from day to day. Where I am concerned about rising and falling interest rates, the inflation increase between today and 30 days from now, the people here do not seem to be preoccupied with it."

"Where I would not stop on the street to greet a total stranger because of a tight schedule," says Ken, "the people here would."

"Life here is people-centered. I am being taught each day by this all-prevailing attitude. It is a good attitude. May I become a part of it as I seek to witness to the people here."

"In my eagerness to become part of the Brazilian culture, I have run headlong into what seems to be a great barrier," relates Ken. "There is an automatic separation between me and most Brazilians. Being white, able to speak English, and earning approximately ten times more than the average Brazilian does, puts me into a totally different world as far as they are con-

cerned. This has caused me to take stock of my position and to look for ways to become more sensitive to the whole situation. What do I need to do to become more acceptable? This and many other questions are causing me to become more aware of the Brazilian culture. May God continue to show me the areas that I must be sensitive to and the changes I must be willing to make."

**STUDENT STILL SEEKING**  
TSU, JAPAN. The third floor of the Christian Education Center in Tsu has nine young men university students living in the dorm. Recently, one student came to Ron and Joan Stoller to have an English speech corrected. The theme was "I'm lost . . . help me find my way."

As a university student, he feels he is leading a meaningless and purposeless life. "When this student was a freshman and entered our dormitory," says Ron, "he was an ambitious first-year student, ready to conquer the world. Now in his second year, he sees the need for a purpose in life. What better opportunity to share with this young man our purpose in life."

Students like this in Japan can be found all over, but few are willing to admit their lack of direction in life. Pray for students like this and especially for Mr. Yoshikawa and the Stollers as they work with him.

**ZEBULON VISITS BATES**  
JOS, NIGERIA. "We have little contact with our Mambilla Baptist Convention churches because of the distance away from Mambilla that Jos is," report Don and Judy Bates, "but we do get guests in the guest house. One of our recent guests was Zebulon, recently in the September 1984 issue of the *Baptist Herald*."

"Late into the night of his three-day visit, we challenged each other in the faith," says Bates. "Situations which distressed him were problems solved, as he gave me insight into the needs and prayers of his fellow believers."

## what's happening

Mrs. Dawn Tiede Dirk, who was recently married, became Director of Christian Education and Youth at Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, BC, on July 1, 1984. It was incorrectly reported that she was serving at Trinity Baptist Church in Kelowna in the November issue of the *Baptist Herald*.

The Rev. Walter K. Schroedter has accepted the pastorate of German Baptist Church, Hamilton, ON, effective March 1, 1985. He has served as pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC, since 1970.

Mike Dobbs is the new youth director at First Baptist Church, Lodi, CA.

The Rev. Anthony Guenther resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Corona, SD, effective April 1, 1985. He has served as pastor of this Church since 1981.

The Rev. George Neubert is serving as interim pastor of Napoleon Baptist Church, North Dakota.

The Rev. Raymond Hoffman begins his pastorate of Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, North Dakota, on Jan. 6, 1985. He and his wife previously served as missionaries to Cameroon from 1976 to 1985.

The Rev. Jess Tarp is the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, IA.

Mr. Robert Klein, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD, was ordained by that Church on Nov. 11, 1984.

Mr. Ed Bartel, a member of the church staff of Bismarck Baptist Church, North Dakota, will be ordained by that Church on Jan. 6, 1985.

The Rev. Leon Bill resigned as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD, where he has served as senior pastor since 1968. He plans to complete his studies for his Doctor of Ministry degree at North American

Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls.

New officers for the Ministers' Wives' Fellowship elected at the Ministers' Conference in August are Mrs. Ardath (Herman) Effa, Edmonton, AB; president; Mrs. Rita (Greg) Donaldson, Avon, SD, vice president; and Mrs. Glenda (Dan) Berger, Fessenden, ND, secretary-treasurer.

The Rev. Dennis Thum resigned as associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD, effective Dec. 31, 1984, to pursue his doctoral studies at the University of South Dakota.

The Rev. Charles Davis became pastor of Southside Baptist Temple, Monclova, OH. He was the assistant pastor in Christian Education and Music at Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Michigan, since 1982.

The Rev. Allan Strohschein accepted the pastorate of Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, OR, effective Feb. 15, 1985. He has been pastor of Sierra Heights Baptist Church, Renton, WA, since 1979. His resignation is effective Dec. 31, 1984.

The Rev. Jim Arends has accepted the call from the Atlantic Association to become pastor of a new church extension project in Gaithersburg, Maryland, effective Feb. 1, 1985. He has served as pastor of Brook Park Baptist Church, Brooklyn Center, MN, since 1981.

The Rev. Steven Patrick becomes pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, a church extension project of the Illinois Association, in Carol Stream, IL, effective Feb. 1, 1985. He has served as pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Saskatchewan, since 1981.

Mr. Steve Petry was ordained by Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, WI, on Dec. 1, 1984.

## baptist world aid

### Help the Hungry in Ethiopia

Through the public press, reports tell of the desperate conditions for many people in Ethiopia. Transportation of food supplies has been virtually impossible due to lack of trucks and roads, and to the effects of the civil war. Steps have been taken to supply trucks.

Baptist World Aid, in cooperation with other major relief agencies, now have two channels for food aid. Food on hand in Asmara is being air lifted to Makela where more than 100,000 people are starving. Each flight costs \$6,000, and 18 tons of grain is being carried. This works out to \$10.00 per bushel. Another airlift of medicines, tents, tarpaulins, and blankets has been arranged by Baptists working in Ethiopia for survivors arriving in camps at food distribution centers.

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# Outstanding Program Planned for Children at the Triennial Conference

by June Lowry

A full and exciting program is in store for every child attending the 41st Triennial Conference of North American Baptist churches in Anaheim, California, July 16-21, 1985. Anaheim is known as a family city, and the Conference program will reflect this by having separate, planned activities for children ranging in age from one month through sixth grade.

Cribs, chairs, cookies, crayons, and workers are a vital part of our preparation for the Triennial Conference. Much planning and prayer have gone into the program to give parents peace of mind concerning the care of their children while attending the Conference, while at the same time making the program an adventure for every child.

## Infants to Five Years of Age

The nursery will be open during all sessions of the Conference in the Fullerton Room of the Anaheim Convention Center and will be staffed by trained workers under the leadership of Mrs. Margarite Love and Mrs. Bobbi Melkaus. A nominal fee will be charged for the use of these services.

## First through Sixth Graders to Participate in a Morning Program of Variety

Children from all over the United States and Canada in grades one through six will be joining together each morning Wednesday through Saturday for their own activities. These activities will be led by trained Christian workers and will be centered around Christ and what he

Dr. June Lowry is Chairwoman of the Children's Program Committee for the 41st Triennial Conference of North American Baptist churches, to be held in Anaheim, CA, July 16-21, 1985.



can do for each one of us individually in our daily walk with him. Dr. June Lowry is the director for the children's program.

One of the highlights of the program will be the puppet ministry of a youth group. Missionaries to different countries throughout the world will be speaking to the children during the morning sessions. Other activities will include a time for exploring and discussing God's Word, singing, viewing films, and having recreation.

Momentos of the Conference will be the crafts each has made during the Conference.

## Exciting Excursions Planned during the Afternoons

A different, optional, adult-supervised excursion will be held each afternoon. A separate registration fee will be charged for each of the fun-filled activities. On Wednesday afternoon, the children will need steady hands and bathing suits. We will be playing 18 holes of miniature golf, and to complete the afternoon, we will be riding down the thrilling

waterslides at the Camelot Fun Center. They will never forget riding down the curving, twisting waterslides that end in a pool of water.

Thursday afternoon and evening has been set aside for children and their families to attend Disneyland. Whether you are one or one hundred and one, Disneyland is a new adventure each time you visit it, so plan to attend it now.

The roaring of lions and the trumpeting of elephants will be part of our excursion to the Los Angeles Zoo on Friday afternoon. Buses will take the children to Los Angeles where they will view many different kinds of animals. Lunch will be served, and time will be given to view other attractions at the zoo.

Sea breezes and boats will be the main attractions on Saturday afternoon as we go to Newport Beach to have lunch and take a guided boat cruise to Newport Harbor.

Plan now to attend the Triennial Conference in Anaheim, July 16-21, 1985, with your entire family. A full and exciting program has been planned for the entire family, and we want you to be part of it. □

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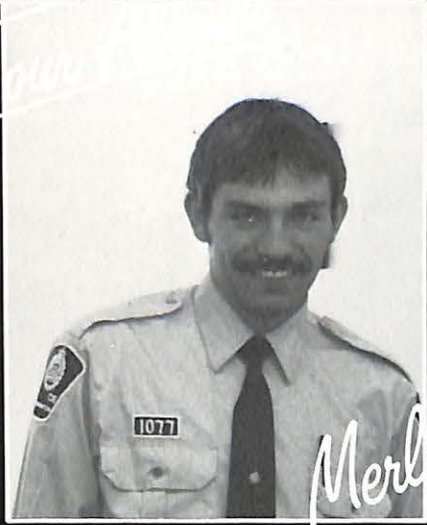
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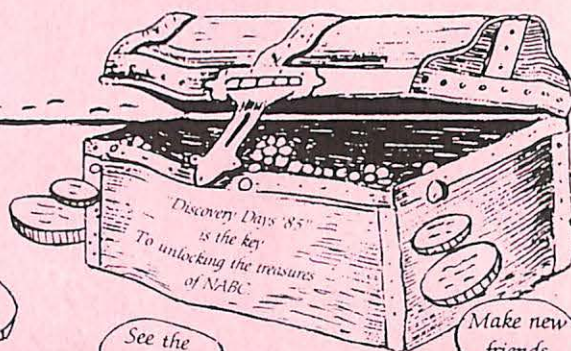
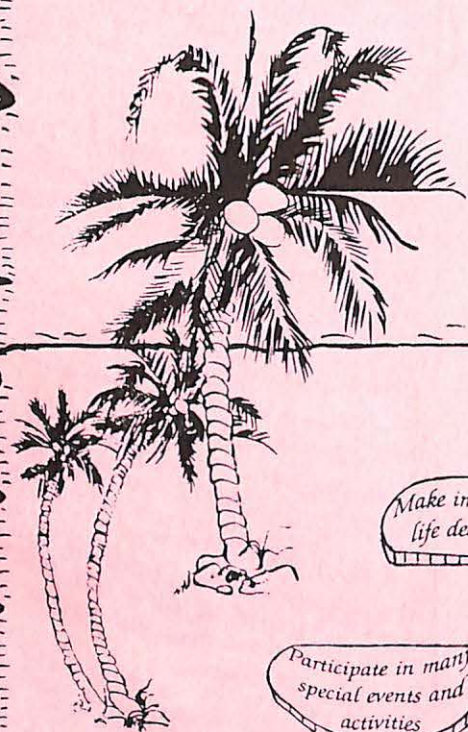
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